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More Allegations

HONGKONG has again become the target for outrageous allegations. In Washington, officials are quoted as declaring that our police connive with perjurors; in Manchester a frustrated industrialist repeats the old accusation that the Colony exploits labour in order to produce cheaply-manufactured goods that underbait British products. The allegations, though baseless, require comment. Government's quick and categorical denial of the assertion that the Hongkong police refuse to co-operate with the United States Consulate-General in the prosecution of Chinese who attempt to obtain entry visas to America by the presentation of forged documents and perjured statements is applauded. But the matter should not be allowed to rest there. Hongkong is entitled to some explanations as well as an apology by the State Department. If officials in Washington gave tongue to the false allegation (and there has been no repudiation of the agency's report) it would be enlightening to know from what source they obtained their "information." And on what sort of "evidence" the "information" was based.

IN this case the integrity of the Colony's police force through all levels is being called into question, and, because the allegation is unwarranted and baseless, this cannot be tolerated. We are entitled to a full and unreserved repudiation of the accusation by the State Department.

The time also appears appropriate for the US administration to take a much closer look at this question of Chinese immigration. Hongkong presumably has been chosen as the centre for dealing with wholesale applications for admission into America because of its convenience. It is not the responsibility of the Hongkong authorities, however, to investigate applicants for American visas; they cannot be blamed if attempts are made to defraud US consular officials. There seems to be room for a revision of the Consulate system of investigation. Perhaps the racket could be broken by transference to Taiwan of the visa office for Chinese immigrants. It is rather unfair that Hongkong, which freely offers facilities for United States officials to carry out their special functions, should have to bear the blame if the system of investigation yields undesirable results.

AS for the allegation that sweated labour is the order of the day in this Colony, it can be treated with contempt. The gentleman who lent himself to such a ridiculous assertion obviously possesses no knowledge of our factory laws or employment conditions. It is also unlikely that he would evince any interest in them.

He finds it impossible to believe that our rubber shoes, for example, could possibly qualify for imperial preference, the innuendo being that our manufacturers, aided and abetted by the Department of Commerce and Industry, the Chinese Manufacturers Union and the Chambers of Commerce, contrive to produce commodities which do not contain the required quota of raw materials from the British Commonwealth. It is all rather wearying. Apparently assurances by the Board of Trade as well as Hongkong officials have no effect on the minds of some British industrialists. To them it is inconceivable that anybody can manufacture commodities cheaper than those turned out in England without indulging in some sort of skulduggery. All she can do is to feel sorry for their ignorance and stupidity.

SURPRISE SOVIET ARMS PLAN

It Ignores A-Bomb Control: Moch Calls It "A Backward Step"

'PLEASE EXPLAIN' DEMAND LIKELY BY WEST

London, Mar. 27. Russia today astonished the Western powers by putting forward a disarmament plan concerned only with the reduction of "conventional" armaments and containing no proposals for the elimination of atomic weapons.

Official sources said Mr Andrei Gromyko, deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, put the proposal at today's session of the five-nation Disarmament Sub-Committee of the United Nations.

Western delegates are anxious to clarify the Soviet proposals as soon as possible. The sources declined to disclose full details of the new scheme but said it proposed maximum limits for the forces of the big powers. Those for the United States and Russia would be 1,500,000 each. The paper tabled by Mr Gromyko was in Russian. It was

tonight being translated into English and French. At first sight it appeared to Western delegates to come nearer to their long-held demands for strict international supervision and control over disarmament. This issue has been a big obstacle in all previous disarmament negotiations.

DRIVING A WEDGE
Some diplomatic observers saw the new Russian move as an attempt to drive a wedge between Britain and her Western allies. Against American opposition, Britain last year suggested a start on partial disarmament which concentrated on conventional forces.

Since then Britain has adopted a plan for complete disarmament in both conventional and nuclear weapons.

The United Nations Sub-Committee also has before it a single stage American plan for partial disarmament. Like the Anglo-French proposals, this starts with a pilot scheme based on President Eisenhower's "open skies" project for mutual aerial inspection to prevent surprise attack. The United States has also offered to reduce its armed forces to 2,500,000 at an early stage if Russia will do the same.

Mr Gromyko did not comment on the American proposal at today's session.

FRENCH ATTITUDE
M. Jules Moch said the new Soviet plan revealed a "very profound change of orientation."

"It is probable that it will not be possible to form a definite opinion about it until after having received from M. Gromyko the clarifications which, on various points, we will have to request."

"With this reservation, and in consequence on a preliminary basis, it is permissible to observe that the new Soviet plan marks a profound change of orientation. While since 1951 the United Nations and the parties the most directly concerned have agreed on the necessity to seek jointly a programme of global disarmament, in other words bearing both on conventional armaments and on nuclear armaments, the USSR declares today that this is not the right way to tackle the problem."

THE DANGER
"It proposes to use a programme which does not provide for any decisive measure in the atomic field where it lets the arms race continue."

"In this respect, this plan is clearly a backward step as compared with previous proposals. It is in any case considerably more restricted than the Franco-British plan which leaves on all the aspects of disarmament and provides notably for a halt in the manufacture of nuclear weapons."—Reuter and France Press.

And Tanks
"On the ground, Egypt has heavy and modern tanks: 38 Centurions and Sialins. We have nothing like that. But even here, eventually, we could manage to keep our own." "However, once a balance of power is achieved, I will be ready to propose that the Israeli Government agree to a general embargo."—United Press.

Irish Partition For UN?

The Irish Premier Mr John Costello said today his Government was considering submitting the question of the partition of Ireland to the United Nations. The Premier said his government had so far not taken any firm decision on this matter.—France-Press.

LOST—ONE TURKISH DANCER

Paris, Mar. 27. A skinny, dark haired Turkish dancing beauty, has been missing from her Paris cabaret for eight days and local police fear she may have been kidnapped. The 20-year-old girl, Aiche Nana, walked out of the cabaret last Tuesday morning after demanding 20,000 francs from her mother. She has not been seen since. Her mother said the olive-skinned beauty was wearing a plain black dress and carried all her jewellery with her when she left. Aiche's mother said her daughter's dance routine often evoked loud applause. She fears that one of her daughter's admirers may have decided to spirit her away.—United Press.

British Cotton Man's Warning To Hongkong

Manchester, Mar. 27. Hongkong "like other countries in the past including the United Kingdom, is going forward with a top-heavy development of its cotton textile industry."

Mr C. Henniker-Heaton, Director of the British Federation of Master Spinners' Associations, said this today.

In a letter to the Manchester Guardian he said this development may offer short-term advantages but it was not in the Colony's best long-term interests.

Mr Henniker-Heaton said that Mr C. D. Silas, Secretary of the Hongkong Cotton Spinners' Association, claimed the present free trade situation was fair. But he went on: "Hongkong offers a market for textiles of approximately 2½ million, the majority of whom use cheap low quality textiles. The United Kingdom offers a market of 53 million for a wide range of qualities."

Beneficial To HK
The major quantities of British textiles sent to Hongkong are part of an entrepot trade which is beneficial both to Hongkong and they are no part of the real trade balance. After mentioning other points which he said, had wrongly made by Mr Silas, Mr Henniker-Heaton concluded: "Mr Silas and I may sincerely disagree on policy, but we must both do everything possible to establish the true facts in the interests of better understanding and in order to assist our making the right decisions."—Reuter.

TALKS AT DELICATE STAGE

Bonn, Mar. 27. France and West Germany today narrowed their differences over the disputed Saarland and related economic problems in a one-day conference of their Foreign Ministers or even Heads of Government level.

France and West Germany are agreed that the Saar, which voted against autonomy last October, should be incorporated in Germany.

The main issues at stake around the main problem are: The Moselle canal, which the French want in order to provide them with cheap transport of coke from the Ruhr to Lorraine.

The mining of coal from the Saar, which the French are exploiting from pitheads in France.—Reuter.

INLAND REVENUE MEN GET TOUGH COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICES CLOSED DOWN IN AMERICA

New York, Mar. 27. Federal officials today seized the Communist Party headquarters and the plant of its newspaper, the Daily Worker, for unpaid back taxes, a spokesman for the newspaper said.

Mr Alan Max, Managing Editor of the Daily Worker, said United States Treasury agents ordered the headquarters and the newspaper plant to be vacated.

He said the agents told him the newspaper would not be published tomorrow. Internal Revenue agents also padlocked the headquarters of the Communist Party of eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware for alleged non-payment of \$369,205 (about £139,020) in taxes.

Protest To Ike
Mr E. A. McGinnis, Philadelphia Treasury District Director, said today's action was timed to coincide with similar moves in other parts of the country.

He said the padlocking was requested by Revenue Agents in New York City who last week issued an assessment against the Communist Party of the United States for the tax deficiency.

The Communist Party protested vigorously to President Eisenhower against what it called "Gestapo-like raids" by the Treasury agents.

In a telegram to the President, the party said: "Today's lawless attempt to muzzle political opponents by police force violates every American tenet of free speech, press and assembly."

The Reason Why
Mr Donald Moyses, Director of the Internal Revenue Bureau's lower Manhattan offices, said incomes of political parties were normally exempt from taxation if they were used as party expenses. But any organization claiming exemption must follow certain procedures, and the Communist Party had failed to do this.

One requirement for exemption was that no part of an organization's activity should be devoted to attempting to influence legislation for propaganda purposes.—Reuter.

BOMBS THROWN

Other terrorists threw bombs in scattered areas of Cyprus tonight, but without causing casualties.

Guns in Limassol shot a Cypriot Greek customs official dead in the street today.

Southwest of Nicosia, terrorists blew up a mountain culvert over which British patrol cars were travelling. One swerved off the road and was slightly damaged.

Troops in the second car opened fire at a figure seen waving on a hill. Searchers afterwards found a 13-year-old boy shot in the thigh.—Reuter.

Three Object To Nationalists

New York, Mar. 27. India, Burma and the Soviet Union today declined to approve the credentials of the Nationalist Chinese representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

The report of the Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, to the Credentials Committee of the Council was approved by the Council by a vote of 11 in favour and with three abstentions (India, Burma and the Soviet Union).—Reuter.

44 Arrested In Bombay

Bombay, Mar. 27. Police today arrested 44 people who tried to march on the state council here, defying a ban on processions.

Both houses of the State Legislature began a nine-day debate on the Indian Government's bill to reorganise state boundaries.

This has led to riots and many deaths in Bombay and other parts of India.—Reuter.

Nasser To Visit Yemen

Cairo, Mar. 27. The Egyptian Premier, Gamal Abdel Nasser, has accepted an invitation from Imam (King) Ahmed to visit the Yemen.—Reuter.

HAND BACK CANADA DEMAND

New York, Mar. 27. The Presidential candidate for the United States "Third Party" has just begun his electoral campaign, with the annexation of Canada as his main platform plank.

He is Henry Krajewski, a restaurant proprietor, formerly a pig breeder of Secaucus (New Jersey) who considers that Britain should hand over Canada to the United States in settlement of her war debts.

Krajewski first stood as the Third Party's presidential candidate in 1952, polling 12,800 votes in the State of New Jersey.

He contested the Senate elections in the same state and received 35,422 votes. The Vice-presidential candidate for the "Third Party" is a woman, Anne Marie Yezzo.—France-Press.

Mr U, who had returned from a month's tour of Malaya said Singapore would continue to buy Hongkong products for many years to come.

Mr U urged Hongkong industrialists to send a fact-finding delegation to Malaya to expand the market there.

He said Malaya was flooded with foreign goods which Hongkong could produce.—Reuter.

'Ease The Squeeze' Plea

London, Mar. 27. Eleven of Britain's top Trade Union chiefs tonight pleaded with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Harold Macmillan, to ease the "credit squeeze" in next month's Budget.

They urged him to make selective cuts in imports as a means to the same end—the staying of inflation.

Mr Macmillan told the delegation—the economic committee of the Trades Union Congress—that he would keep their views in mind, a joint statement said.

Industrial circles said that the Union leaders warned Mr Macmillan bluntly that unless the rising cost of living were halted a new round of pay claims must be expected.—Reuter.

Two Injured By Sniper's Bullets

Jerusalem, Mar. 27. A Jordan sniper shot and wounded two Israelis in the new city of Jerusalem this evening, an Israeli military spokesman said.—Reuter.

'Premier Resigns' Report Denied

Amman, Mar. 27. A Government official today denied a report from Beirut that the Jordanian Prime Minister, Mr Samir Rifa'i, had resigned.—Reuter.

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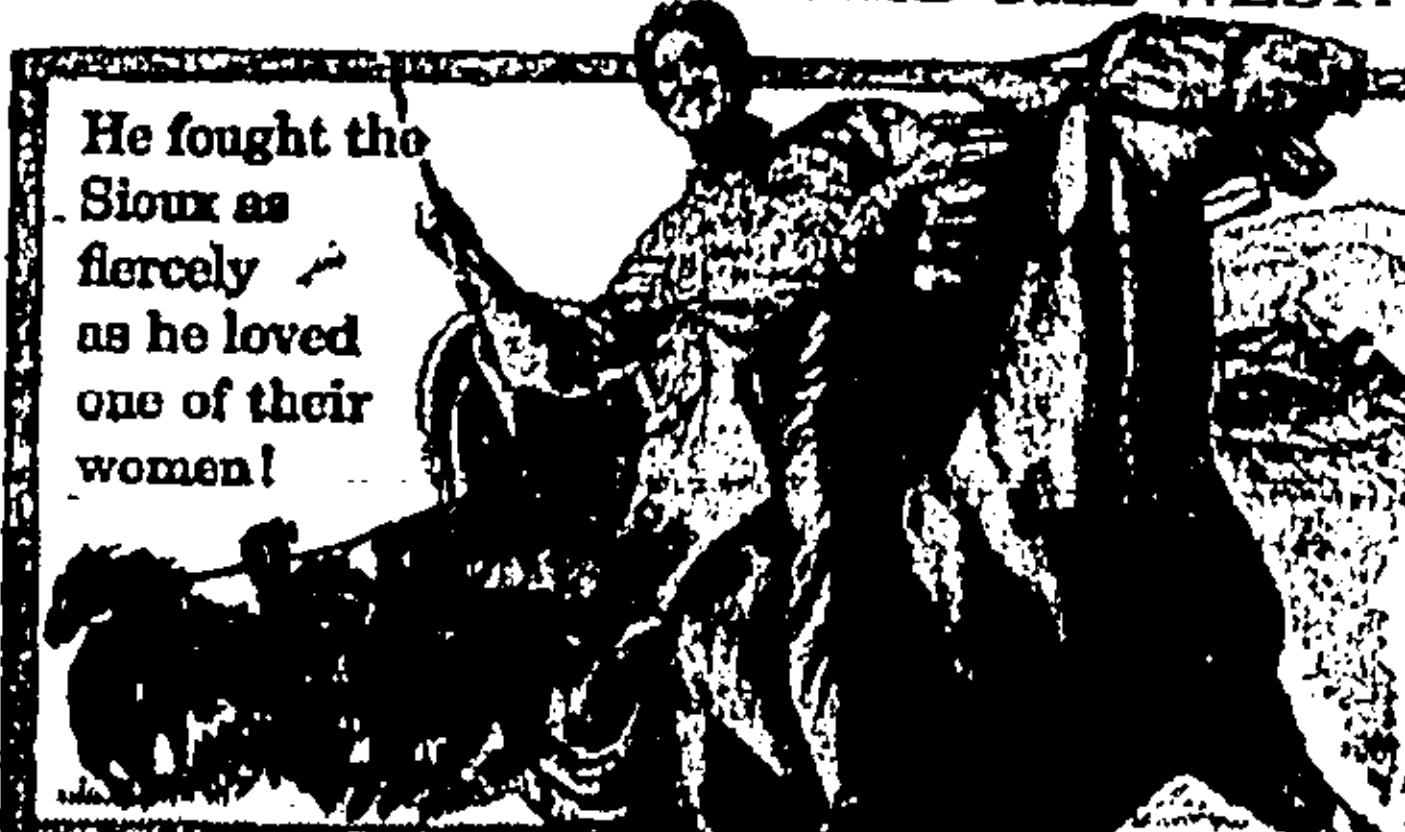
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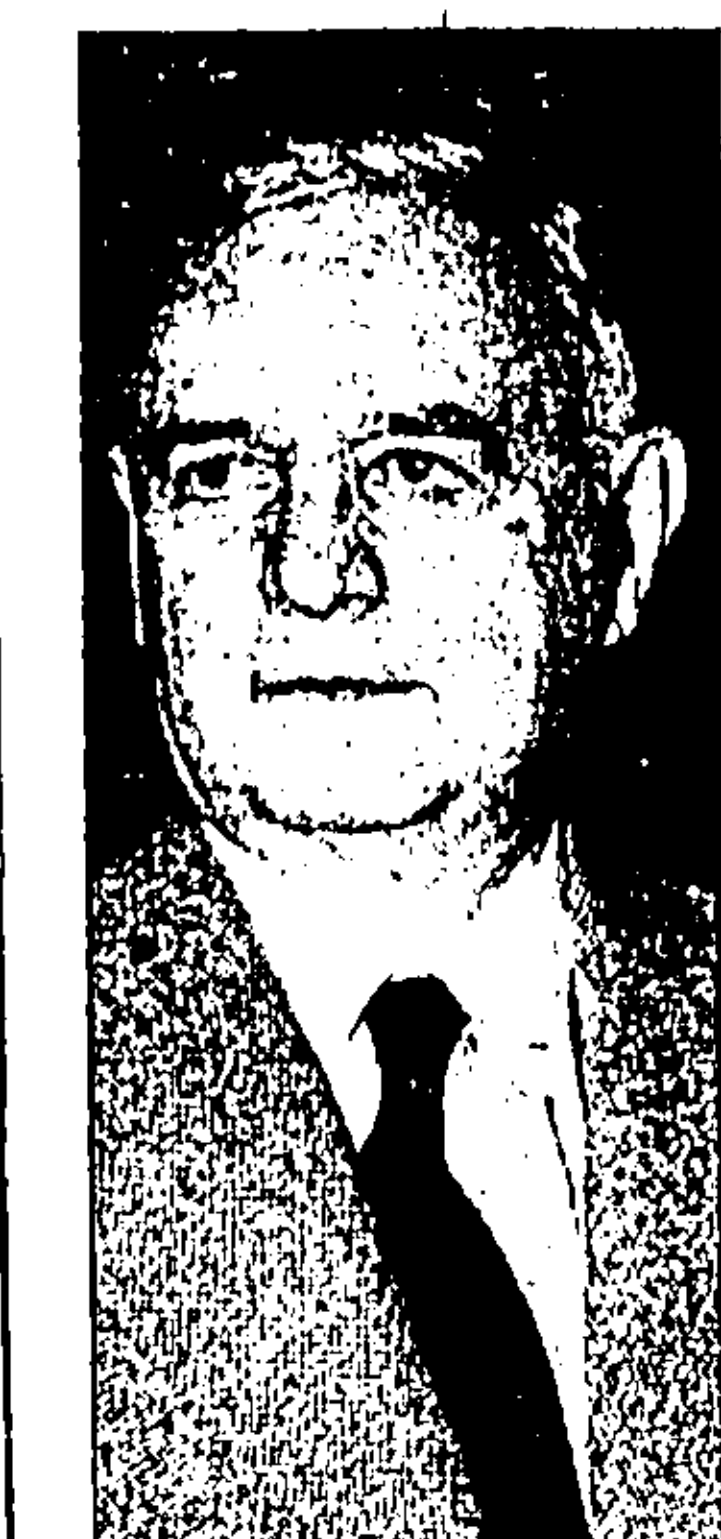
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29 REBELS KILLED IN ALGERIA

Transfer Of French Troops Studied By NATO Council

Algiers, Mar. 27. A total of 29 rebels were killed in five clashes with French security forces in Algeria's Constantine Department and in Kabylia yesterday, it was reported here today.

Communist Return Home Campaign



GENERAL DONOVAN

New York, Mar. 27. MAJOR-GENERAL William J. Donovan, who headed the wartime United States Office of Strategic Services, said today the Communist countries had launched a long-term, well-financed campaign to entice back people who had escaped from behind the Iron Curtain.

He told a Press conference here that in the 13 months ending last January, 1,188 refugees had returned to Soviet bloc countries. General Donovan headed a special commission of the International Rescue Committee which conducted an on-the-spot survey in Europe and Asia.

6,000 A YEAR
One committee member estimated that about 6,000 refugees, exclusive of Germans, fled to the West from behind the Iron Curtain every year.

The committee said Communist agents in Europe and the United States attempted to persuade the refugees to return to their homes.

"Each single return," he said, "is not only of great propaganda value to the Communists, but also has an important unsettling effect among the refugees,"—Reuter.

TWO-TON TOECAPS

Frankfurt, Mar. 27. If a two-ton weight falls on a West German railway worker's toe, the chances are that he will not even complain. The railways have begun issuing boots with reinforced steel toecaps to protect their employees against accidents. They can resist weights up to two tons, and a falling suitcase or hammer bounces off almost unnoticed,—China Mail Special.

Antarctic Boy Scout

New Brunswick, Mar. 27. The National Academy of Sciences has asked the Boy Scouts of America to select one of their members to act as a junior scientific assistant in Antarctica during the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58.

In the same clashes two of the security men were killed and one wounded. Ten of the rebels were killed near Conde-Smendou. Near Renier, about 60 rebels were surrounded and left behind six dead.

NATO Position

The Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in a communiqué issued in Paris tonight said it had studied the situation arising out of the transfer of French troops from those under the NATO command in Europe to Algeria, and it recognised the importance for NATO of the security of Algeria.

The communiqué said the Council hoped there would be a speedy and lasting settlement in Algeria. The Council, it said, had taken note of the French Government's desire to restore France's full contribution to the joint defence of Western Europe as soon as possible.

Communique
The text of the Council's communiqué was:
"The North Atlantic Council has been continually kept informed of the withdrawals carried out by France from the forces placed by her at the disposal of the NATO."

Lasting Settlement
"The Council recognises the importance for NATO of the security of this region. Expressing the hope for a speedy and lasting settlement, the Council has taken note of the desire of the French Government to restore its full contribution to the joint defence of European territory as soon as possible."—France-Press.

NZ Surplus Men
Wellington, Mar. 27. New Zealand has a surplus of 13,399 males according to the latest population statement issued by the Department of Statistics.

The total population is 2,164,755. In 1955 European births reached a record total in the calendar year of 49,847.—China Mail Special.

UKRAINE PARTY LEADER PUNISHED
Moscow, Mar. 27. A LOCAL Communist Party leader in the Ukraine has been punished for a "violation of the Leninist principles of collective leadership," Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, reported today.

The punishment is the latest example of the drive against dictatorship within the Communist Party in Russia.

The newspaper said a "severe party reprimand for violation of the principles of collectivity" had been given to the District Secretary of Stanislav, a town in the western Ukraine and former part of Poland.

The Secretary, named Mironenko, was said to have "ignored the opinion" of members of the District Committee's Bureau, over appointments and dismissals and "permitted incorrect practices in adoption of new members into the party."

In particular, he attempted to shield the director of a machine tractor station (which supplies collective farms with necessary machinery) from accusations of incompetence.

Greek Envoy Leaves UK



Mr Basilios Mosiras, the Greek Ambassador in London, accompanied by his wife and 17-year-old daughter Helen (left)—they saw him off—at London Airport as he was about to board a Swiss airliner to return to Greece. He was recalled by his Government following Britain's deportation of Archbishop Makarios from Cyprus.—Reuter photo.

China Preparing Paris Exhibition

Paris, Mar. 27. The foundations of the Chinese pavilions to the Paris commercial fair will be laid tomorrow morning, Mr Chang Chao-hsuan, Secretary-General of the Chinese delegation to the fair, told AFP today. The fair is to open at the end of May.

So far, 20 members of the Chinese delegation have arrived.

Exhibits
It is the first time that samples of production of People's China will be exhibited in Paris.

The pavilion will have the shape of the classical Chinese structures in the Peking palaces. China will show, besides classical products, silk, bristles, tung oil, tea, some samples of goods manufactured in her modern factories, pipes, engines and industrial equipment.

Second Area
Besides this exhibition, the aim of the delegation is to develop the first contacts made last year and chiefly those attained by the French economic mission which visited China in January.

Mr Chang admitted that some difficulties existed but expressed optimism as regards the future.

Questioned about development prospects for development of shipping in China, Mr Chang said the first five year plan provided for little in that respect. That side of activity will have a large place in the second and third five year plans.—France-Press.

Testing Space-Ship Conditions
Washington, Mar. 27. The American Air Force is ground-testing a homelike space-cabin specially built to study human reactions under inter-stellar space-ship conditions, the magazine *Planes* reported today.

The American aeronautics industry magazine said the cabin had been built under the supervision of the Randolph Air Force Medical School.

It is designed to provide conditions similar to those in a space-ship far from the limits of the earth's atmosphere.

Planes said the pressurized cabins used in ordinary aircraft would not work above a height of 80,000 feet.—France-Press.

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Poles Join In Anti-Stalin

NO JEERING AT QUEEN

Singapore, Mar. 27. The manager of a Singapore theatre where it was yesterday alleged Chinese schoolchildren jeered at the Queen, today denied the allegation. The incident was said to have taken place during a screening of the "Queen in Nigeria."

"There was no jeering or cat-calling at the Queen," a spokesman said. "When we have school parties we expect a certain amount of noise, it is the children's way of showing their enjoyment." —Reuter.

Arabs Deny Split In Approach To UN Proposal

New York, Mar. 27. Arab sources at United Nations Headquarters today discounted reports of a "split" in the approach of Israel's four Arab neighbours to the proposed Middle East investigation by Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, UN Secretary-General.

The sources said there was complete unanimity among Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon in requesting delay in the Security Council on the proposal.

Reports circulating in the UN corridors had said Egypt and Jordan were willing to agree right away to the proposed survey, but Syria and Lebanon wanted postponement.

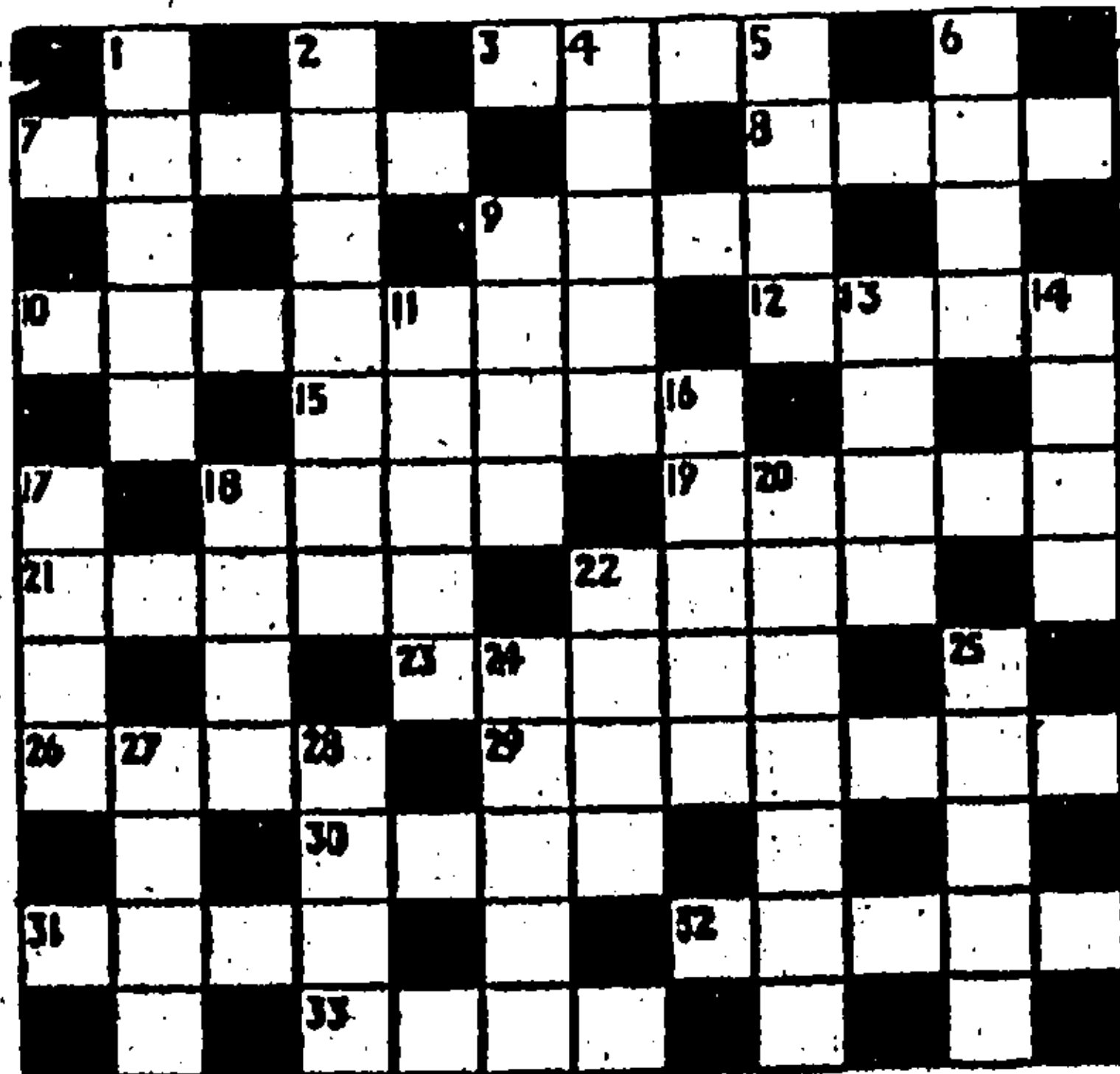
MORE TIME

The Arab states gained postponement of immediate Security Council action yesterday. The Council adjourned debate until tomorrow and agreed that there would be a further adjournment until Tuesday, April 3.

The important Asian-African group, at its monthly meeting today, was told by Mr. Edward Rizk, of the Lebanon, that the Arab states wanted more time to study the United States resolutions which proposed Mr. Hammarskjöld's investigation and also wanted some clarifications.

Outside the meeting, Arab sources hinted that a request would be made for still more time before the Council actually voted on the resolution. —China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Wall decoration (4).
7 Vagrant (6).
8 Encourage (4).
9 Sediment (4).
10 Flatter (7).
11 Self-satisfied (4).
12 Signs (5).
13 Depleted (4).
14 Rub out (5).
15 Gloss (5).
16 Bird (4).
17 Drugged (5).
18 Tax (4).
19 Deserve (7).
20 Greedy (4).
21 Column (4).
22 Bury (5).
23 Nozzle (4).

DOWN
1 Degree (5).
2 Bog (7).
3 Foreign (5).
4 Grain (4).
5 Bill of fare (4).
6 Simmer (5).
7 Revise (4).
8 Miserly (4).
9 Expanded (4).
10 Drain (5).
11 Accustomed (4).
12 Dextrous (4).
13 Beaming (7).
14 Hastened (4).
15 Leaves out (5).
16 Confused fight (5).
17 One (4).
18 Tale (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Parish, 7 Raid, 9 Scene, 10 Foll, 11 Moor, 13 Revolution, 15 Test, 16 Garp, 19 Contrasted, 21 Eden, 24 Arena, 25 Train, 26 Lien, 27 Kernel, Down: 2 Ewers, 3 Ideal, 4 Hearts, 5 Promotes, 6 Slio, 8 Alone, 12 Hated, 13 Rogue, 14 Opponent, 17 Score, 18 Attack, 20 Alter, 21 Tramp, 23 Bait.

Tirade SERIOUS ERRORS COMMITTED DURING WAR MANY LIVES LOST

London, Mar. 27.

PAP, the official Polish newsagency today quoted a Polish Communist leader as saying that many lives were lost during the last war because of "serious errors" by Stalin.

PAP said Mr. Jerzy Morawski, a secretary of the Polish United Workers' (Communist) Party, wrote about Stalin's "errors" and "abuse of power" in the party newspaper Trybuna Ludu.

3 Main Reasons

Mr. Morawski, the latest to join other Communist leaders in condemning Stalin for adopting the "cult of personality," listed three main reasons for the "painful" loss of life during the war:

- ★ 1. The danger of the Nazi invasion of Russia was not detected in time;
- ★ 2. Precautionary measures were neglected;
- ★ 3. A number of operations were carried out at Stalin's orders against the opinion of military advisers.

Mr. Morawski, in his article, said Stalin used the security and secret police apparatus of the State to consolidate his personal power over the party.

Provocative methods were used and false accusations made to bring about the condemnation of the accused, and as a result "many honest persons were imprisoned, sent to penal camps or shot."

Party Dissolved

Mr. Morawski said the Soviet Communist Party was now carrying out "in a broad scale" a revision of these cases and was "rehabilitating those who were condemned though innocent."

Mr. Morawski recalled the decision of the Comintern (Communist International) in 1938 to dissolve the Polish Communist Party, and said this was taken "with the aid of false and fabricated accusations."

He added: "Almost all the leaders and activists of the Communist Party of Poland,

then residing in the Soviet Union, were arrested and sent to camps."

Mr. Morawski also quoted the Soviet Communist Party secretary, Mr. N. Khrushchev, as having told foreign Communist leaders that the struggle against the "cult of the individual" was by no means over and must be carried into the fields of science, art and education.

He added: "At the reception given for the foreign delegations during the recent party congress in Moscow Comrade Khrushchev said the struggle against the cult of the individual was by no means over."

Eradicate Remnants

"This struggle should last until all the remnants of the cult are eradicated from the whole of social life, from science and education, from literature and art."

Mr. Morawski said there was a feeling of "great relief" among the delegates at the congress. "It was as if they had been relieved of a great burden."

But they also noticed a sense of "tremendous inner force and confidence."

The Polish road to socialism differed from the Soviet road "principally in the forms and means used to bring off the revolution," Mr. Morawski said.

"The process of liquidating capitalism in the countryside will be different from what was done in the USSR. We also differ in our methods of regulating our relations with the Church," he said.

Find Allies

"We have abandoned the obsolete and erroneous theory of social-fascism, which described social-democracy as a specific variant of fascism."

"This theory led to the isolation of Communists in face of Fascist aggression. It has caused in its time many prejudices in the international labour movement, later, sectarianism and distrust repelled from us those forces among which we can and must find allies." —Reuter.

'Ultimate Weapon' Production

Washington, Mar. 27.

The United States Defense Department today announced the appointment of a special assistant for guided missiles to co-ordinate and speed up development of the "ultimate weapon," the inter-continental ballistic missile.

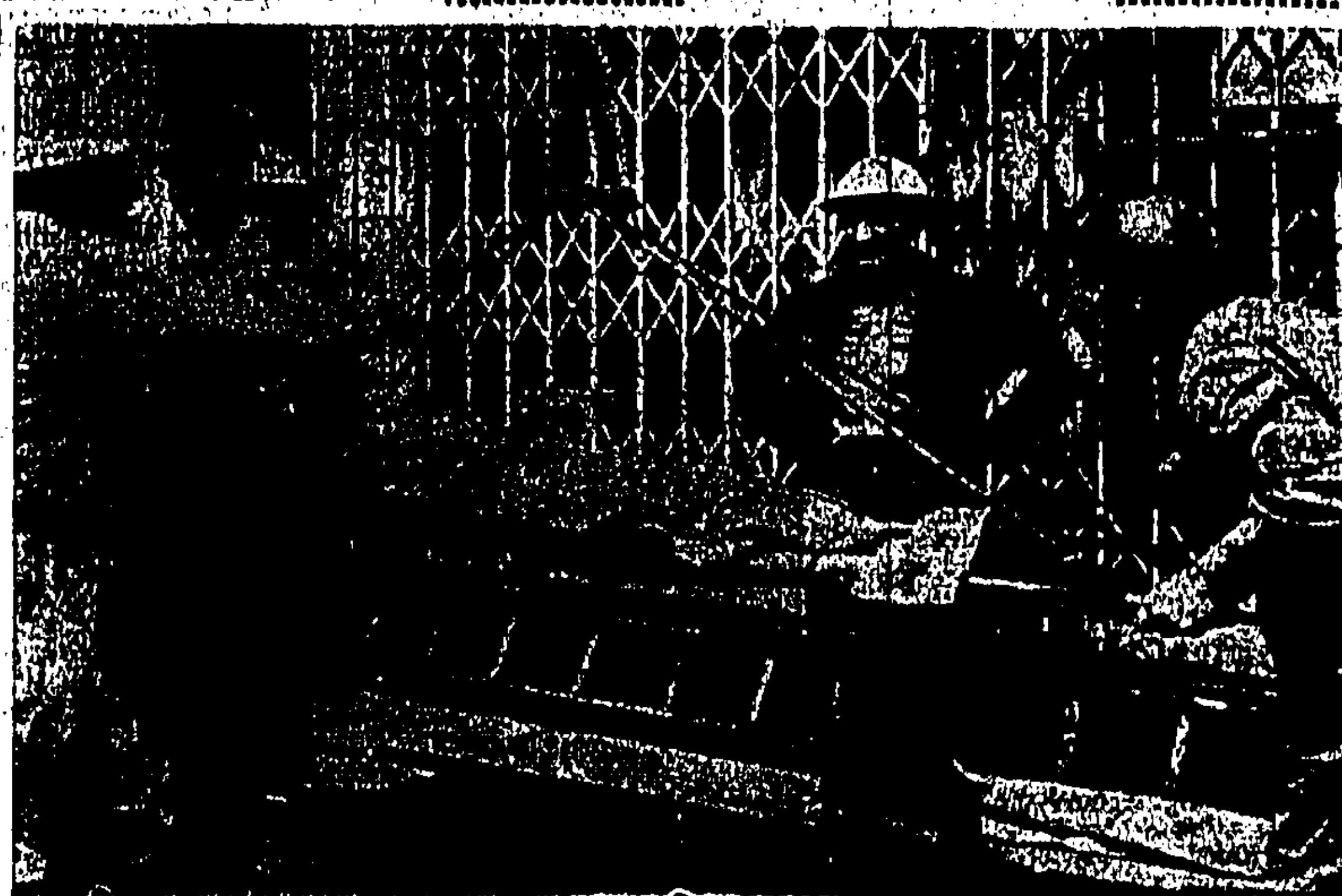
The Secretary of Defense, Mr. Charles Wilson, announced at a Press conference that Dr. Egner Murphy had been appointed to the post.

The United States and the Soviet Union are engaged in a race for the inter-continental ballistic missile which, with a hydrogen warhead, military experts have said, would be the ultimate in destructive weapons.

Mr. Wilson said that Dr. Murphy, recently the director of the research and development department of the Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, would be appointed for a year and it was expected "he will devote major emphasis to missiles of the long-range type, particularly ballistic missiles."

Asked if he thought that a long-range ballistic missile would be developed, ready for production within a year, Mr. Wilson said: "I think Dr. Murphy will make a great substantial contribution to the programme within a year." —Reuter.

Civil Defence Personnel Training In Israel



Anti-air raid training has been stepped up in Tel Aviv and Haifa—owing to the danger of conflict with the Arab States. Picture shows a "casualty" receives attention during civil defence training in Haifa.—Express Photo.

Margot Fonteyn Will Star At Monaco Wedding

Monaco, Mar. 27.

Detailed arrangements for the forthcoming wedding of Prince Rainier III of Monaco and Hollywood actress Grace Kelly were published officially here today.

The celebrations will begin at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, when two children from the Monegasque Principality will arrive at the little palace overlooking the Mediterranean with flowers for the Prince's fiancée.



MARGOT FONTEYN

MOONSTRUCK ROMANS

Rome, Mar. 27.

A PIOUS Roman, who alleged he saw a vision of the Virgin Mary, tonight predicted the sky would shortly be teeming with flying saucers from the moon.

Francesco Lucatelli, who is 44, said the inhabitants of the moon would come down to this earth and dominate it. He claims to have had several conversations with the Virgin Mary and believes the world is in danger if it fails to redeem itself.

Lucatelli is the father of two children, a boy who has become a monk and a girl who is a nun. Meanwhile, an Italian student, Silvio De Tommasi, today announced his intention to visit the moon on the maiden voyage of a British lunar travel agency, which he identified as "International Service Limited"—World Travel Specialists.

He said he hoped the trip would take place, as planned, around the year 1960. If it was longer delayed, he was afraid he might be too old. Asked about his parents' reactions to his project, the student said: "They do not know about it yet. They are sure to grumble when they first get to know, but between then and my departure, they will have time to get used to the idea." —France-Press.

One Dog-Paper

Christchurch, Mar. 27.

A one-dog paper, mode of locomotion was favoured by a Christchurch citizen on a recent hot day, as planned, around the year 1960. If it was longer delayed, he was afraid he might be too old. Asked about his parents' reactions to his project, the student said: "They do not know about it yet. They are sure to grumble when they first get to know, but between then and my departure, they will have time to get used to the idea." —France-Press.

'Leaks' Trial POLICE CHIEF TESTIFIES

Paris, Mar. 27.

A Police Commissioner, Jean Ponceau, testified today at the national defence "leaks" trial, that journalist Andre Baranes, one of the four defendants, had told him that Roger Labrousse, another defendant, gave him documents which he passed on to ex-Police Commissioner Jean Dides.

Dides is now a Poujadist Deputy. He is not a defendant. The other two defendants are Jean Mons, ex-Secretary of the National Defence Committee, and Rene Turpin, one of his top assistants. Labrousse was also an assistant to Mons.

Ponceau said he had searched the office of Emmanuel Deslaurie de la Vigerie, a Progressive (pro-Communist) Deputy who has been implicated in the trial testimony but enjoys parliamentary immunity.

CLEANING OUT

However, he said: "I had the impression there had been a little cleaning out of the office and not by the chairman." Turpin accused Ponceau and the police of "ignoble moral blackmail" of questioning him all night, and then at eight in the morning, pointing to some children passing outside, and saying that if Turpin did not say Mons was guilty, his children would not recognise him when he got out of prison. Ponceau denied he had said this. Ponceau, commenting on alleged pressure used by the police, said: "After all, there are people who don't like policemen, as there are others who don't like spinach." —France-Press.

W. GERMAN ARMY TARGET

Bonn, Mar. 27.

West Germany's new army, navy and air force will total 95,000 men by the year's end, Defence Minister Theodor Blank said at a restricted news conference held today.

Herr Blank said the army at the end of the year would comprise two armoured divisions, eight motorised infantry divisions, a brigade of mountain troops and a brigade of paratroopers.

He said 15,000 border police would be transferred to the army, starting in early September, to form cadres. He said the armoured divisions would be limited provisionally to 8,000 men and infantry divisions to 10,000.

Herr Blank said he advocates the present 18 months' period of military service and opposes the setting up a career army. The opposition Social Democratic Party was expected to call for a career army shortly. —France-Press.

STAR MARRIES

Santa Barbara, Mar. 27. French film star Jean Pierre Aumont today married Italian actress Maria Pavan, twin sister of actress Pier Angeli. The ceremony was attended by 14 relatives and friends of the couple. —France-Press.

TUNISIA DETERMINED TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM

Tunis, Mar. 27.

The Tunisian Minister of the Interior, Mongi Slim, told a Press conference here tonight the Government would be "implacable" in stamping out terrorism.

He referred to a series of attacks in Southwest Tunisia in which five Tunisians have been killed in three days, including a newly elected Deputy to the Tunisian Constituent Assembly.

Steps Taken

"After the recognition of Tunisia's independence on March 20, the Government had announced its intention to forget the offences committed by some Tunisians who had been led astray," Mr. Slim said. "Unfortunately, after the total success which the National Front obtained in the elections, it seems a new movement of terrorism is going to start."

"The Government will be implacable. Peace must be established finally in our soil. Steps have been taken."

M. Slim said groups of Tunisian mobile police had been sent to disturbed areas.

They would be able to count on the co-operation of the French Army, he concluded. —Reuter.

Red Airliner Breaks Own Record

Moscow, Mar. 27.

The Soviet Union's first jet airliner to fly from home into the Western world, broke its own speed record when it returned from London to Moscow today.

The sleek TU 104 twin jet airliner which took General Ivan Sorov, Chairman of the Soviet state security, back from Britain to Moscow, covered the some 1,500 miles between the two cities in 3 hours and 15 minutes.

Security Arrangements

On its way out from Moscow to London last week, the TU 104 made the trip in 3 hours and 26 minutes. Today the airliner was helped on its way by a west to east tailwind.

With a crew of six and seating for 50 passengers, the airliner with its drooping swept-back wings slipped into London Airport last Thursday with General Sorov aboard.

Since then the Soviet security chief has spent the weekend with British security officials making arrangements for the visit of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, who are to visit Britain. —France-Press.

Lost Woodcuts Found

The Hague, Mar. 27. A valuable international collection of woodcuts, which was lost en route from Sweden to the Netherlands last month, arrived in Amsterdam today.

The collection, which was bound for the Amsterdam Municipal Museum from the Godeborg Museum, was found in a forgotten railway baggage car at siding.

The collection represented 25 countries. —France-Press.

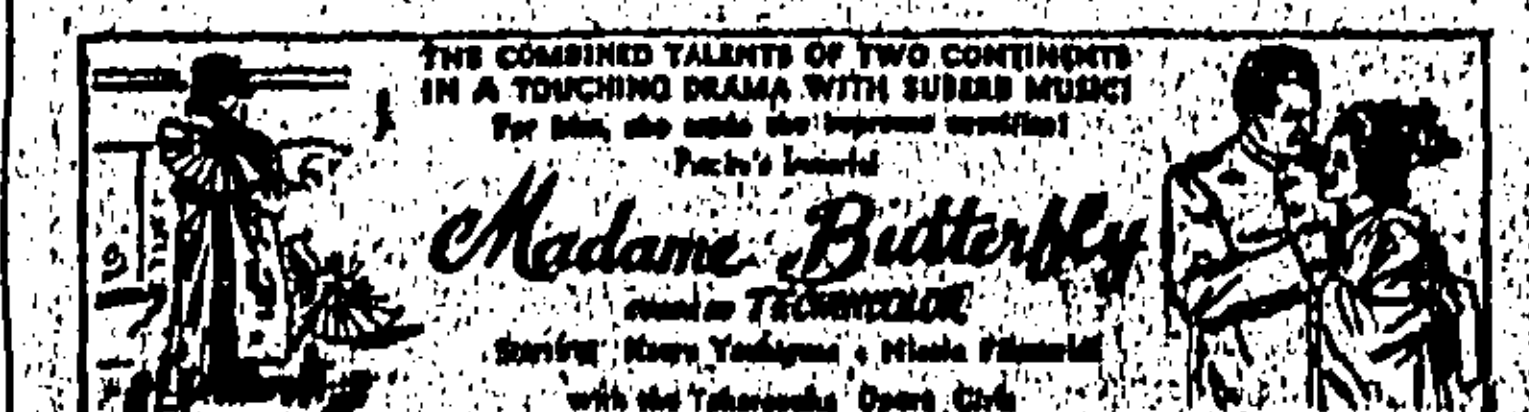
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THE HONGKONG PLAYERS "BEAUTY OF BEAUTIES" (LADY WEST)

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ORIENTAL

THE FAMOUS STAGE OPERA IS NOW ON THE SCREEN



TO-MORROW: "QUANTIN BURWARD" M-C-M Film

MPs SEE HOT SPOTS OF MALAYA

Singapore, Mar. 27.

Two of the visiting British members of Parliament, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, leader of the delegation and Mr. A. G. Champion today began a shirt-sleeve tour of Johore.

Traveling by car in a heavily escorted convoy, they visited Yong Peng and Johore Lapu Estate, two of the hottest spots in Malaya's war against the Communist terrorists. —Reuter.

JAPS BUYING A-REACTOR

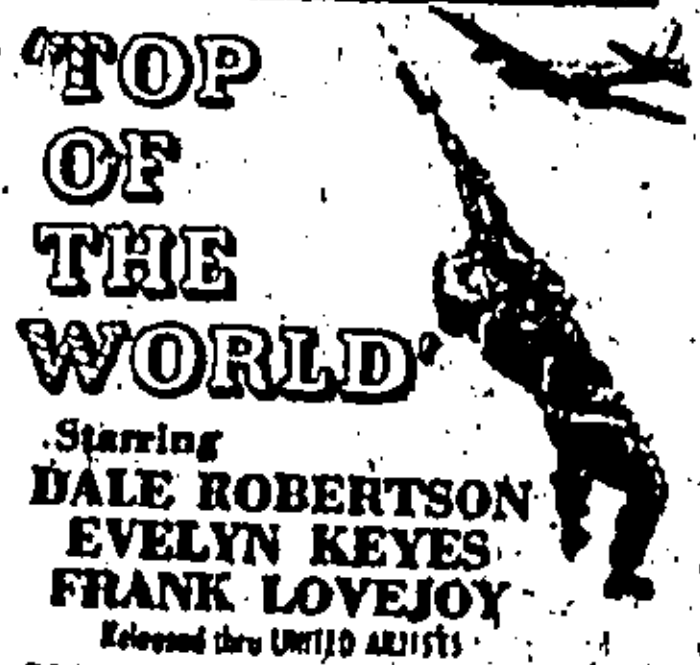
Washington, Mar. 27.

Japan is planning to buy a second and much larger nuclear reactor to follow the small one which, it was announced today, she has already purchased from the United States, according to authoritative sources here. —Reuter.

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Nathaniel Gubbins

ONE of the 75,000,000 readers who write to me each week asks: "How old are you? I seem to remember your name in the papers for a long time."

Here is the answer given to a reporter in an interview.

Who is the oldest man in the country still working and having every minute of it?

The answer must be Mr Nathaniel Gubbins, who admits that, if he doesn't fall down the stairs and break his neck, he will soon get a telegram from the Queen congratulating him on his 100th birthday.

"If you call those the good old days you can have them. Asked what he thought of modern girls, Mr Gubbins said he had stopped thinking about them a long time ago.

Mr Gubbins has no hobbies, does not own a television set, and only listens to the news in case somebody has started another war without telling him about it.

He still eats three good meals a day and is able to walk to the low tavern 50 yards away from his home.

"At my age," he said, "the only difficulty is walking back."

People's Worries

AS it has been said often enough that other people's worries help you to forget your own, let me cheer you up today with some problems that are bothering less fortunate citizens.

For instance, while you and I were grumbling at the snow last month farmers in South-East Hampshire were grumbling because they were the only people in the country who didn't get any.

Their case was that a covering of snow would have protected their crops against the bitter frost.

As we are aware that farmers grumble at everything, cold winters and mild winters, wet summers and dry summers, rain and sunshine, it only

remains to be asked what would have happened if South-East Hampshire had been the only place in the country where snow fell?

The farmers in those parts would have cursed their bad luck, asking what cruel fate singled them out for such a disaster. Other farmers with frost-bitten crops would have cursed them for their good luck, asking why some should be favoured with snow while others were obliged to scrape along without it.

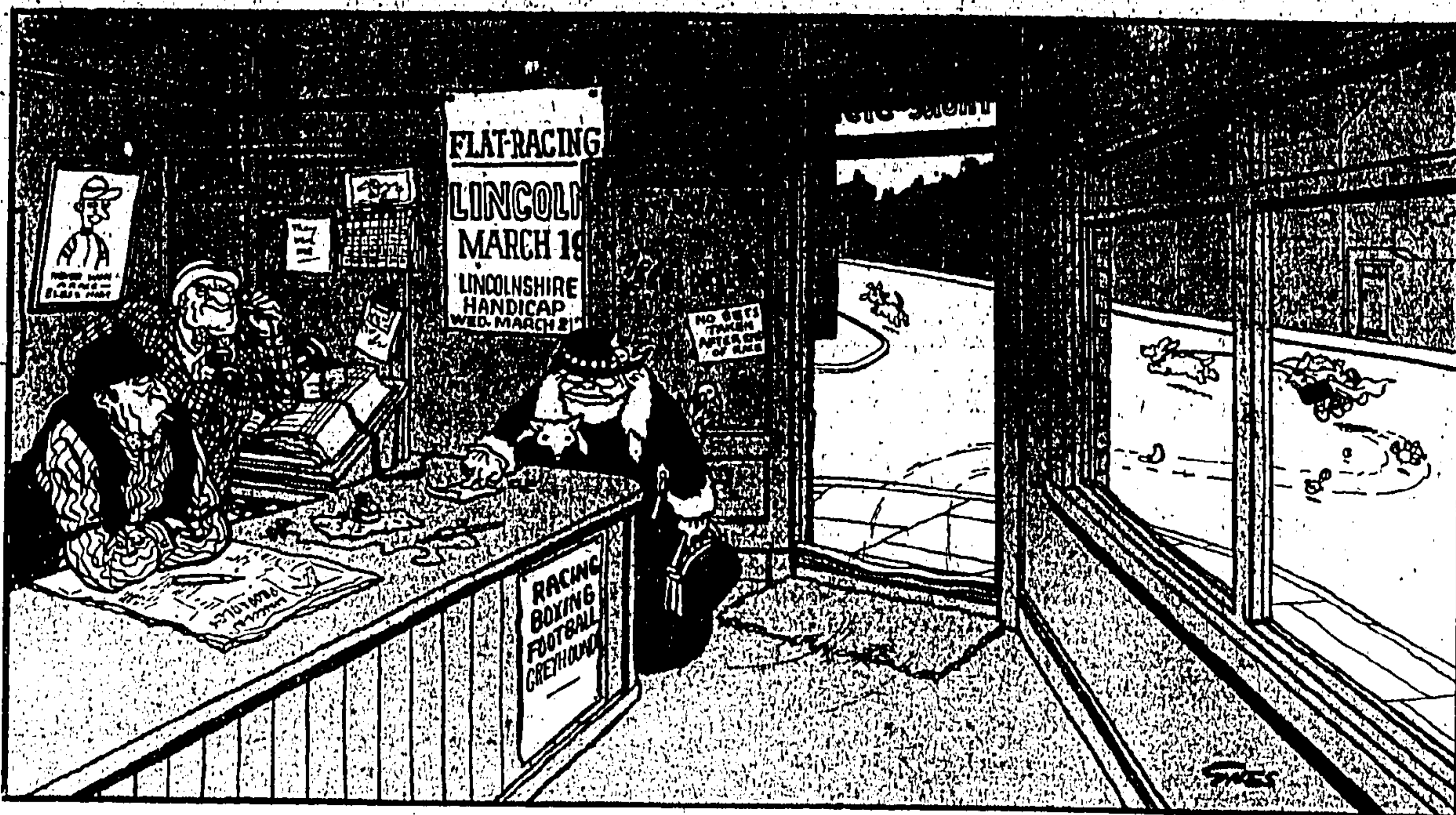
The whole countryside would have rung with rustic curses, for the truth about farmers is that they just don't like weather of any kind.

There is also the story of the unhappy tenants of Redriff Estate, Mordenhead, where industrial development is taking place on adjoining land.

The young women there are asking that a wall shall be built round them to prevent ogling and wolf whistling by workmen.

The older ones, exempt from whistling and ogling, say that a wall would be no use because the coarse language of the workmen would still float over it, shocking their sensitive ears as they potter in their gardens or listen to the radio with the window open.

Those who live in quiet places should be thankful that no obscenity disturbs their afternoons, making their greeting to the first darling crocus sound rather silly and Mrs Dale's Diary sound like a bourgeois reunion dinner.



"Shilling each way Frisky Scot for the Lincolnshire and an even shilling Dr. Fisher doesn't ask Malenkov round for tea."

London Express Service

The Man They Call Mr United Nations

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Washington. AT the end of this month—on March 31 to be exact—it will be just two-and-a-half years to the day since I received an urgent cable from London asking me for a 500-word potted biography of a man called Dag Hammarskjöld who, only a few hours previously, had been elected Secretary-General of the United Nations in succession to Mr Trygve Lie.

At first sight, the London request seemed easy enough. I only had to thumb through a few biography sources to learn all about Mr Hammarskjöld. In actual fact, the assignment proved one of my most difficult for, although I soon discovered that the then 48-year-old Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld, had a fine record of public service in his native country (at 31 he was the youngest man ever appointed Under-

Secretary of the Swedish Finance Ministry), he was virtually unknown beyond the shores of Sweden save to a small group of professional diplomats who had already rated him as a quiet negotiator of exceptional ability.

Quiet Diplomacy

TODAY, half way through his five-year term of office (and just back from a six-week world tour) the United Nations Secretary-General is known as the man who has restored what has been described as the "one dimensional" to international affairs. This "dimensional" Dag Hammarskjöld himself calls "quiet diplomacy"—an approach to

world problems in a truly international manner, with no place kept open for national bombast of any description.

Mr Hammarskjöld's concept of the United Nations' role, as the world teeters on the edge of catastrophe, is truly in keeping with all that is meant by the "quiet diplomacy" for, in the view of this Swedish lawyer-economist, the UN "responds to the world, the world does not respond to the UN, and this is as it should be. The UN is like a piece of machinery that begins to run when it is needed.

As proof of the success of his philosophy, Hammarskjöld can point to a series of international

events that demonstrates the stronger position today of the world organisation—the Asian-African conference at Bandung, where there was "a strong UN accent, stronger than anyone has suspected," and the meeting of 72 nations at Geneva in the "atoms for peace" conference, an event he has compared with the Industrial Revolution.

Peking Trip

CERTAINLY, one of the high marks in his "quiet diplomacy" was achieved at Peking when he went there on behalf of the UN to liberate 11 American fliers held as prisoners by the Chinese Communists. Subsequently they were released.

Of this trip, Hammarskjöld has said publicly: "Many things have hap-



Dag Hammarskjöld

pened during my time here as Secretary-General for which I have great reason to be very grateful. However, with the present perspective, I would say that no event or anything which I have been permitted to do ranks higher on that list of causes for gratitude than my trip to Peking."

The word "gratitude" was directed toward the 60 member nations for allowing him to follow his philosophy of "quiet diplomacy."

As Mr Hammarskjöld enters the last half of his term of office, he sees his job as an all important factor in the building of trust among UN member nations. On the one hand he feels that many people consider that the UN has slipped into the background. On the other he believes they are wrong in this conclusion, for it is in the wings of the political stage (not in the headlines) that he believes UN's influence in world affairs and in securing peace is being more greatly felt than ever.

Giant Party

It is obviously in the first few minutes of meeting Secretary-General Hammarskjöld that his "quiet diplomacy" is really a reflection of himself and his own personality, and those who work with him are convinced that he has a remarkable talent for putting them at their ease.

Outside the political field, perhaps the best example of this came when, during his first month as Secretary-General, Hammarskjöld visited every office in the giant UN building and shook hands with every employee. It was reported at the time that he found his staff "depressed and anxious" because of the charges of "subversion" which then encompassed them.

In a magnificent (and successful) attempt to dispel this gloom he organised a giant party for 4,000 of the UN workers, complete with such celebrities as Marlene Anderson and Danny Kaye. It was during this party that he put everyone at ease in the pronunciation of his difficult name. With typical good humour he explained that "Hammarskjöld" was somewhere around the proper pronunciation, but I will understand if you pronounce it some other way.

Going back down the years Dag Hammarskjöld was once described as "that quiet young man who talks so little and does so much." Today, as the poetry-loving Secretary-General reads for his 51st birthday (in July) the description still stands. Perhaps in view of his latest whirlwind tour, made with a minimum of publicity—even more so.

THEY'VE EVEN ASKED GREER GARSON TO STAND FOR CONGRESS

Oh dear, how Hollywood has changed!

WHEN Greer Garson told me during tea—served by a butler named Joseph—that she has been asked to stand for Congress I realised the awful truth about Hollywood—which none of the exposés has yet revealed. The place is becoming respectable. It can no longer live up to its bad name.

The Chairman of the Republican Party of New Mexico has written to Miss Garson saying that he and his committee have not the slightest idea whether she is a Republican or a Democrat, and could not care less, but they want to see Greer Garson sitting in Congress.

One film star will soon be occupying a throne in Monaco. Now another may one day sit in Congress. At this rate it will not be long before Errol Flynn joins the Salvation Army.

If Miss Garson ever becomes a Congress-woman she would bring to the job many outstanding qualities, charm, wit and sparkle. But she would be the only Congress-woman, I feel

by
THOMAS WISEMAN
reporting from
Hollywood

sure, who grows orchids at the bottom of her bath. The orchids, I should say, are not essential to the business of taking a bath in Hollywood.

They are merely a part of the decorative scheme. The decorative scheme of the Garson household is worth worth describing.

Her house in Bel Air is the nearest thing to the popular conception of a

movie-star's home. It comes closer to being opulent than any other I have seen.

It has off-white carpets and settees and poodles to match; marble floors, walls of Italian mosaic, pure silk wallpapers, artificial waterfalls, curtains operated by remote control, statues of ancient Siamese gentlemen acting as standing lamps. And, of course, the usual swimming pool.

A mirrored wall folds back to reveal a bar where Miss Garson serves a speciality called Zubrovna. The Shah of Persia and the Empress were visitors to this house during their stay here.

Farouk's mother is a regular caller. She lives out here. Senators and governors are in and out all the time.

Miss Garson can afford all this (plus a house in Dallas, a ranch called Forked Lightning in New Mexico, and an apartment in New York) because she is married to "Buddy" Fogelson who is in oil.

You see, the really rich people in Hollywood today are usually in oil, not in pictures.



MISS GARSON
The poodles match the carpets.



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by Beachcomber

"WHY," asked the magistrate, "did you put the saucepan on your head?" "I was annoyed," said the man, "and the cabbage-water poured all over me."

"Do you usually put on your hat," asked the magistrate,

"without looking to see if it's full of cabbage-water?" "I never expect my hat to be full of cabbage-water," said the man. "By hat," said the magistrate, "I meant saucepan, in this case." "I don't usually put saucepans on my head," said the man with dignity. "Were they amused?" asked the magistrate. "No," said the man. "I couldn't get it off my head."

"Why didn't you pull it off by the handle?" asked the magistrate. "That would have destroyed the illusion," said the man. "Hats don't have handles."

"True enough," said the magistrate, "but they must be a queer crew to mistake a saucepan for a hat." "They didn't," said the man. "Then I don't see," said the magistrate, "it's no good arguing about it."

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bridge Simple If Foes Guess

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW would you play today's South hand at a contract of three no-trump? West opens the five of diamonds, and you win the first trick with the queen. How do you proceed from that point?

You have eight tricks in top cards, and you can easily develop a ninth trick by successfully guessing the location of the queen of hearts. If you make a mistake by taking the finesse in the wrong direction, however, you will go down.

A good guesser needs no advice. If you occasionally mis-

NORTH 25	
♦ J32	
♥ K103	
♦ 704	
♣ K95	
WEST	
♦ A45	EAST
♥ 74	♦ 10870
♦ K10853	♥ 9502
♣ 1003	♦ J9
	♦ 42
SOUTH (D)	
♦ K94	
♥ A5	
♦ A2	
♣ A37	
North-South vul.	
South West North East	
1 Pass 2 Pass	
3NT Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♦ 5	

guess a queen, however, you can find a better way to play today's hand than by trying to make your ninth trick in hearts.

Take three hands of clubs, each the ace of diamonds, and then let West take his diamond tricks. You can discard a spade on the fourth round of diamonds and a club on the fifth round. Dummy has no problems, of course, since two spades can be spared. You carefully refrain from cashing a fourth club. In order to have this safe discard available at this time.

Having taken his diamonds, West must now lead a spade on a heart. In either case, he lead must guarantee your ninth trick. Bridge is an easy game when you can make your opponents take your guesses for you.

♥ CARD SENSE ♥

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 1 Diamond Pass 1NT Pass 2

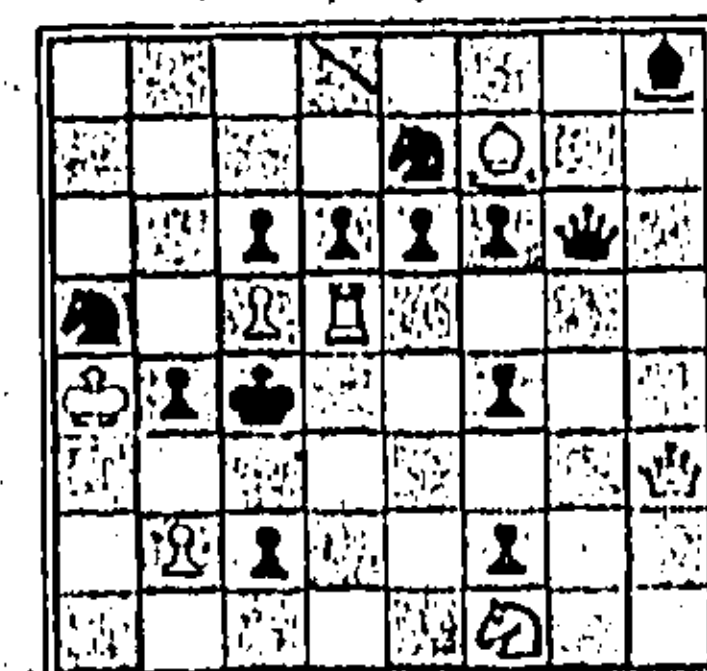
You, South, hold: ♠ A J 7 6 4 3 2 ♠ K Q 10 4 4 ♠ A What do you do? A—Bid two hearts. This "reverse" bid is as strong as a raise to two no-trump. If North cannot raise hearts you will go on to game in no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: ♠ A J 7 6 4 3 2 ♠ K Q 10 4 4 ♠ A What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By K. ROZIO
Black, 13 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-B1. 1. Kt (R1) any; 2. Q-KK2 (ch); 1. Kt-B6; 2. K-B3 (dis ch); 1. Kt-B3, P-B4; 2. K-K2; 1. Kt-B3; 2. P-B3 (ch).

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

BORN today, you have what is called a "peep" in your foot. You are fond of travel and will want to cover most of the world in the next few years.

This characteristic shows up in the fluidity of your interests. You are much too inclined to go from one thing to another, and if this habit persists, you will find that lack of concentration works against your best interests. Remember that old adage: The rolling stone gathers no moss. Take it to heart, a little, especially in youth, when the early, formative years are so important to your future.

The stars have, perhaps, compensated, by giving you a quick, brilliant mind, which grasps things easily. It is very possible that you may have a rather early and brilliant success. But, unless you follow this up with concentrated effort, you may not achieve your greatest potential. If you learn the lesson of concentrating on a single

objective, then you can become one of the outstanding individuals of your contemporary scene.

Science and metaphysics both fascinate you. You women, especially, are highly intuitive and must learn to follow that "hunch." When you do, all goes well. But, let yourself be persuaded against it—and nothing goes as it should!

Among those born on this date are: William Mengerberg, noted conductor; Helen Westley, actress; Pierre Blum de La Place and Sears Cook Walker, astronomers; Herbert Lehman and Theodore Freulingen, statesmen; Aristotle Brind, French statesman; Louis Wolheim, actor; Anne Douglas Sedgewick, author; and Samuel Sewall, noted jurist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Business affairs, especially those which also concern others, are well favoured just now. Brimble scene good.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are thoroughly co-operative with members of your family, you can get exactly what you want.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you are to be job-hunter, these days, then this should be a fine time for you to make the change.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Actions definitely speak louder than words some day—and this happens to be one of them!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Good planning will show excellent results. Map out your day and stick to it, come what may.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Go all out to get exactly what you want out of life today. Some important ambition may be achieved.

LINER (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Confidential matters, either in the realm of business or romance, can be successfully handled now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Your actions will count for something important. Don't postpone or procrastinate any more.

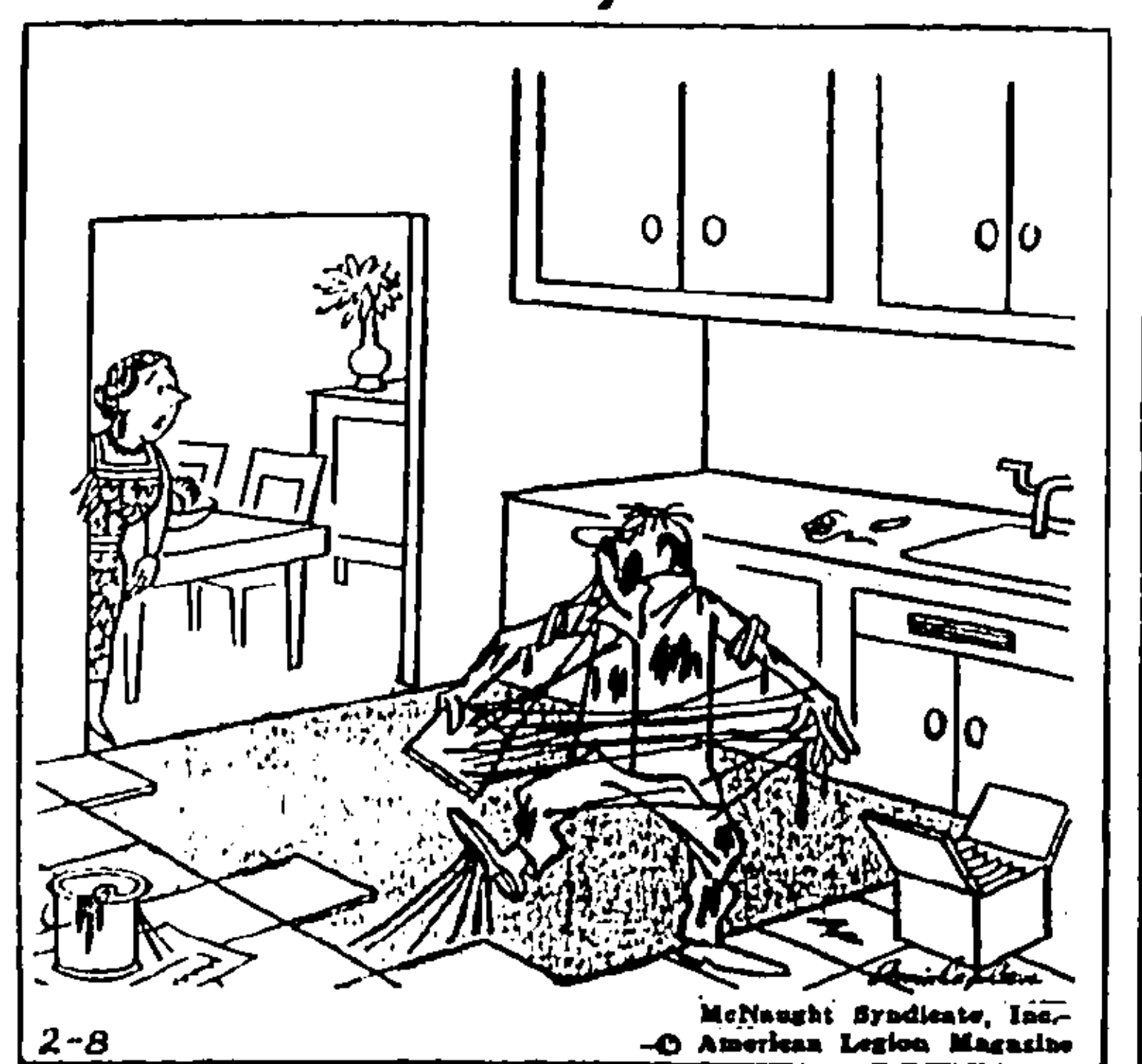
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Intelligence, planning, experience should see you through any kind of a tangle today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—The green lights are on for most of your activities. Get an early start and accomplish a lot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Combine personal, social and business affairs in the best possible advantage. Plan for your future.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Romance seems to be well-favoured just now. Follow your heart when it comes to something important.

This Funny World



"You must be doing something wrong, Bert, the lady in the advertisement didn't even get her apron dirty!"

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Frightened Giraffe

—His Page Was Torn Out of the Animal Book—

By MAX TRELL

It was a strange thing. It wouldn't be likely to happen to you or to me. It could only happen to Knarf and Hanid, the shadows.

This is what happened. Knarf and Hanid had just stretched themselves out on the rug in the corner of the room when they heard a little sound. It seemed to come from the bookshelf. They opened their eyes and looked.

They could hardly believe their own eyes. It tumbled out. They saw a giraffe sticking its head out of the pages of the Natural History Book and at this instant, just as they were watching, the giraffe suddenly came tumbling out. It fell to the floor and scrambled to its feet, then it went dashing around the room, bumping its head against the chairs and the lamp.

It was about the size of a mouse with a very long neck. Knarf and Hanid could see that it was very frightened. It finally stood pressed against the wall in the farthest corner of the room, its thin legs shaking.

"Oh, you poor dear thing," said Hanid, "please don't be afraid of us!"

"Afraid of Cats?" The giraffe looked at them for a moment, then it spoke. "I'm not afraid of you. I'm afraid of those cats."

"Cats?" said Knarf. "What cats?"

"I live in that Natural History Book," explained the giraffe, "but somebody tore out the page that I'm on and put it back in the wrong place. They put it right next to the lions and the tigers."

"Oh, dear," said Hanid. "I know what you mean!"

"I've never been so frightened in my whole life," the giraffe said.



THE SPRING LOOK

—FROM U.S.A.

It looks as though she is wearing three hats. In fact, there is only one. This is an American spring hat for 1950, designed by Cesar Rubio. It has a transparent black tulle brim and cascades of yellow rose petals.

London Express Service.

Not Much Profit In A Boring Job

If you are considering getting a part-time job, do please pay attention to whether you will really enjoy it or not, whether it really will interest you. Even if you just need the money, and are working only for the pay cheque, you'll make out much better in a job you like than in one you don't.

The reason is that there is very little profit in a job that bores you, because you spend more money on "consolation prizes."

One woman I know has a nine-to-one job which is not a bit up her alley. By one o'clock, she is tired and exhausted and irritated, so she blows herself to a fancy lunch to cheer herself up, instead of having soup and a sandwich at home.

In other words, she blows a high percentage of her take-home pay on those lunches, which she would not find necessary if she had a job she liked.

So figure out how much you are spending now for "consolation prizes," and see if you might not have more profit in a job that paid less but gave you enjoyment.

Second, and just as important, is the effect on your personality, disposition, and looks.

When a woman combines housework with an outside job, she spends a lot of energy. If the job is a bore, she spends double the energy, and will forever be complaining.

That kind of tension and bitterness and unhappiness is bad for the disposition, and tends to make you snap at the children and the husband. Also, it gives you a dull and lustreless look which detracts considerably from your appearance. On the other hand, a job which you love makes you doubly attractive.

So never underestimate the importance of liking your job, even if it is a part-time one which you've taken only for financial reasons. If you like it, you'll bring home more money, you'll be more attractive, and you'll advance faster!

—ANNE HEYWOOD

Now School For Ambitious Wives

Indianapolis. HUBBY brings the boss home for dinner. The boss brings roses for the wife. So what does the little woman do? She stuffs the roses in a milk bottle.

A faux pas of the worst order. Maybe the mistress needs to enroll in the "Fortune Hunter's Course" for ambitious wives, of any age, who are anxious to help their husbands to the Big Job.

"It's unique," said Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, director of the new Halcyon House, billed as "a school of personal arts." The course, a nine-week affair, is one of several to be offered at the school, designed for women who own one of the following:

"A bored husband, a reluctant romance, a clockwatching job, a dubious boss, a wooden vocabulary, a dodo hairdo, a miscast complexion, a wavering backbone, an undernourished personality, a wary wardrobe."

The "Fortune Hunter's Course" tuition, \$50—is supposed to help the breadwinner get ahead. But many employers, Mrs. Phillips said, now interview the wife, as well as the husband, before making a top appointment.

Mrs. Phillips said that in talking to the boss, the wife should "avoid all personal matters pertaining to the husband, unless, of course, she can point out off-handly, some quality the boss didn't know about."

Or suppose you walk like Groucho Marx and sit down

like Junior at the age of two. Better go to school. Sitting, she said, is an "art," and she, Mrs. Phillips, can do it with the grace of a ballet dancer.

The trick seems to be to back up until you feel the chair against the back of your legs. Otherwise, maybe the chair isn't there at all.

Halcyon House instructors also can show the little woman how to get into a low-slung car. The important thing here is what goes in first: the backside—not the head.

Conversation gets lots of one principle. To illustrate one principle: "Do you like cats?" This can be answered, "No," and you're right back where you started.

It's better, said Mrs. Phillips, to ask, "What don't you like about cats?" This way the other person is forced to talk in terms of more than a word or two.

Another principle, perhaps more important, is "when to keep your mouth shut."

How about a similar course for Mrs. Phillips is considering that, too.

One prominent executive suggested such a course to her, she said. He had neglected to learn such niceties as turkey carving because "I've been too busy making money."—United Press.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If socks have polish stains, first go over the spots with well-soaped fingers, then launder the socks as usual. The stains will have vanished.

If upholstery fabric can stand water, it can be washed in "dry" suds. Add a tablespoon of ammonia to one cup of soap jelly and whip up the suds.

Do a small section of the upholstery at a time, applying stiff suds with a cloth, sponge or

brush in rotary motion. Keep the suds fluffy while working. Remove the suds with a spatula, then wipe the area twice with a clean wrung-out rinse cloth. Overlay sections of the material as you proceed.

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Rupert and the Black Circle-5



"Yes, you're quite right, I am a bit scared," says Reggie. "There's a weird crowd of foreigners coming this way, don't like the look of them at all." "What, more of them?" cries Rupert. "Hush, not so loud," murmurs Reggie. He urges them into some bushes and they hide. All signs



The Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade is in danger of being overcrowded this week as we welcome and congratulate the many Army athletes who did so well in the Colony Championships at the new Hong Kong Stadium on Sunday.

With our congratulations goes a very special pat on the back to Cpl. T. Bailey of the North Staffordshire Regiment who surprised everybody with a magnificent effort in the 400 Metres. Returning a new Colony record time of 51 secs., he drove the hot favourite, 2/Lt. Doorman, into second place.

Lieut. Keith Burch was again in wonderful form and in spite of a nasty injury won both the 800 Metres and 1500 Metres in new record times. Record breaking is becoming such a regular occurrence as far as this fine athlete is concerned that the true merits of his consistent form are in danger of being overlooked. The times of 1 min. 57.9 secs. for the shorter distance and 4 min. 10.2 secs. for the longer one will not be easily beaten by any of his current opponents although he may well improve on both of them himself before the season is over.

The Army also claimed winners in the Javelin (C. M. Brand), in the High Jump (C. M. Jackson), the 200 metres (R. Williams), the 200 Yards (C. M. Jackson), as well as a team success in a very exciting 4 x 400 metres Relay when a strong combination of Keith Burch, 2/Lt. Pagan, 2/Lt. Doorman and Cpl. Brown just managed to overcome their old rivals from South China.

A word of passing praise too for another grand job of announcing by Major Donald Elick.

The Army (Hong Kong) Football Association Annual Dinner at the Volunteer Centre on Monday evening was a very happy gathering and a truly representative cross section of the football community, and also of course with our friends in the other two Services. Due to the call of duty several of the Army players were unable to be present. The most notable of the absentees was Supper Bill McInnes the team captain. It is the traditional duty of the team captain to propose the loyal toast but on this occasion it was performed by 1/Lt. Terry Charlesworth, the Army and Colony goalkeeper.

This year's get together is an important contribution to the good relations that exist between the Army and the civilian sports community, and also of course with our friends in the other two Services. Due to the call of duty several of the Army players were unable to be present. The most notable of the absentees was Supper Bill McInnes the team captain. It is the traditional duty of the team captain to propose the loyal toast but on this occasion it was performed by 1/Lt. Terry Charlesworth, the Army and Colony goalkeeper.

THE BIG PULL
It now seems almost certain that the big pull of the Football War challenge match between 27 HAA Regt RA and 33 General Hospital will definitely take place at Boundary Street during the Land Forces Individual Athletic Championships on Saturday April 7.

A spot has been reserved in the programme at 3.15 p.m. and the supporters of both teams will be looking forward to the tussle which has caught the fancy of the athletic public.

The Medicals' challenge was duly despatched to the Gunners last week together with an invitation to have a meal afterwards at the hospital. I am assured that the second part of the invitation is 'unconditional' on a win for 33 General Hospital although there seems to be every confidence that Coach Tullins and his well trained team will make the Major Units Champions from Stanley work very hard if they hope to enjoy a victory appetite.

The Gunners are a competent and well balanced team and it would indeed be a great achievement if the RAMC team—the Minor Units Champions—succeeded in their sporting challenge.

Cuttings from the United Kingdom newspapers have enjoyed a special popularity in the Colony this week as many of them concern Corporal Roland Morris, the ex-Army and Colony centre-forward.

Morris is in action with Aston Villa and already his playing potential has caught the fancy of the sports-writers. This is understandable for in his first Central League match he had worked up a sweat. Writing to a friend in the Colony this week Harry Crompton, the ex-Army skipper, says he went along to see Morris in action in his first game and reports that 'Moe' was right on form.

Crompton, who does not complete his service until later this year, has also had am-

Boyd-Rochfort Expects Steady Flow Of Winners

This Year He Trains 17 For The Queen

By JAMES PARK

The Queen should derive much pleasure from seeing her colours carried by worthy home-bred stock during the season. She has 17 horses in training with Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort at Freemason Lodge, Newmarket, and some of them show much promise.

A year ago I thought Atlas and High Veldt were too small to live up to their high lineage. High Veldt developed on excellent lines during his two-year-old career. Atlas still looks rather small but the change in him is astonishing.

Just 12 months ago ATLAS could only be described as a shaggy little pony. Today he is an elegant colt of the most exquisite outline. He is a typical product of the Djebel family, in that he has quality rather than size and scope. But he is beautifully modelled and very difficult to fault.

only hope Monkhood is better than the looks. Of the five fillies, the ones to make most appeal were ALMERIA and SUNBURNT COUNTRY. They are by the Stanley House stallions, Alyciden and Hyperion respectively. I was also attracted to the medium-sized, but neatly formed, MILLBERRY HARBOUR, who is a half-sister, by Scambray, to Alexander.

ALEXANDER is the only four-year-old and he can go places if he will pay strict attention to business. OFFER SCORE, looking as well as ever, is retained to act as school-master to the two-year-olds.

Apert from the Queen's horses there are over 40 others worth a special article to themselves. RETRIAL looks a picture and will take his chance in the Lincolnshire. I fancy we shall see him more to advantage later in the season.

That gallant old stayer, PAFILLO, is sound again and the four-year-old PERIWIG is one of the best stayers sired by Court Martial. In that respect he is a contradiction to his breeding.

GENERAL HAYES and MANATI could not look better and will continue to pay their way. Brumby III, a tough colt with the right attitude towards racing, should make a good four-year-old.

The three-year-olds at Freemason Lodge are always given a chance to mature in their own time. There are only four colts and the one I am keen to see is BEWARE.

He has been pleasing the watchers on The Heath and there is a nice combination of speed and stamina in his pedigree.

The American bred IN DESPATCHES won his only race as a two-year-old in impressive style. He has lengthened and put on weight in the right places and it is a pity he has no classic engagements.

PRINCE MOON did not quite fulfil expectations as a two-year-old but he has been slow to develop. The only other second-season colt is DENTATE, and he will make a smart sprinter.

The fillies make a lovely collection. The beautiful medium-sized MAMOUNIA cost a lot of money as a yearling, but is worth it. Whether she or the taller VICTORIA CROSS will be the hope for the 1,000 Guineas is hard to say, but MAMOUNIA should prove the better stayer on breeding.

LARGO is a strongly made Alyciden filly, who has overcome her leg trouble and SONSA is a neat filly by Hyperion who has thrived through the winter.

Some of the two-year-olds can boast of good looks. There is a lot to like about DOULELLE, a compact colt who just wants to grow up in front and level out.

LANCE CORPORAL is an own brother to the speedy Corporal—the only animal to beat Meld. There will be no doubt about Lance Corporal winning races if his joints do not give trouble as that is his only fault. MONKHOOD is a half-brother, by Link Flower, to the brilliant Auricle but there the resemblance ends. I can

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Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

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- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed).

SCHOOLBOYS' INTERPORT

After a trial game held at Boundary Street yesterday, the following players have been selected to represent the Hongkong Schoolboys team in their Soccer Interport match against Macao, on Sunday at Macao:

Chan Chuk-wing (Aberdeen), Cheung Kam-noon (King's), Ko Wei-tak (Queen's), So Man-to (Queen's), P. Groves (KGV), Mark Kie-wai (St. Joseph's), D. Horley (KGV), Ko Po-wong (WYHK), Kader Rahman (Queen's) captain, Fong Chi-chol (Queen Elizabeth), Chen Kwong-fat (Aberdeen), Yung Tsung (WYHK), Cheung Kam-hei (St. Louis), Chan Wai-man (King's), Yue Chung-yuen (St. Louis), Lau Yung-peng (Queen Elizabeth), J. Lee (WYHK), Lin Yin-tun (St. Louis).

The team will leave here on Saturday and will be accompanied by Bro. Cronan as team manager.

Asian Amateur Boxing Federation May Be Formed

Manila, Mar. 27.—A Philippine proposal for the organisation of an Asian Amateur Boxing Federation was received favourably yesterday by officials of the South Korean boxing team that fought here in an invitational series of dual meets.

The amateur body will be patterned after its professional counterpart, the Oriental Boxing Federation, which has for its members the Philippines, Japan, Thailand and South Korea.

Congressman Serafin Salvador, chairman of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation's boxing committee, presented the proposal during the farewell luncheon in honour of the Korean boxers at the Philippine Columbia Clubhouse yesterday.

The Philippines, Japan and South Korea will be the probable charter members.

Mr. Salvador said five Asian countries, namely, Nationalist China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Burma have signified their intention to join the proposed federation.

Singapore and Hongkong would be invited to join.

United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Finals of Inter-Schools at South China Stadium.
Meetings:
Annual Meeting of KBCC, 6 p.m.
Clubhouse.
Annual Meeting USRC at Clubhouse, 8 p.m.
Soccer
Governor's Cup: CAAP v HKFA.
Club ground, 8.30 p.m.
Badminton
Colony Senior Badminton Championships and prizes at CCC 8.30 p.m.
TOMORROW
Soccer
2nd Division: Sing Tao v South China (Club); KMB v Police (BS) both matches at 6 p.m.
3rd Division: Granatics v CMD (HIV), Dairy Farm v Tramways (HIV), Taikeo v Solicitors (HIV) all matches at 6 p.m.

SOCCER NEWS

Fulham Guarantees Haynes A Full Benefit Next Season

By JAMES CONNOLLY

The Football League have turned down an application by Fulham to let the two years Johnny Haynes served as an amateur at Craven Cottage count towards his benefit. Now Fulham have set £750 aside from the £25,000 WBA paid for Robson and guaranteed Haynes a full benefit next season.

When Robson left Craven Cottage, some of the big spenders had the idea that Johnny would soon follow. But Chairman Charles Dearn feels that Johnny's future is tied up with Fulham.

"We will not sell Johnny Haynes," he told me. "He is the man we can build a team around."

"A great player like Haynes can make an average performer pull out a little bit extra."

When skipper Alf Sherwood was injured five weeks ago Cardiff manager Trevor Morris made his fiery leader Trevor Ford team captain.

TREVOR THE SKIPPER

Trevor the skipper has been a revelation. He has played himself into the ground and driven his team at the same pace.

In five weeks Cardiff relegation worries have gone.

"Trevor is playing better than ever," manager Morris told me. "We had our differences earlier in the season, but I had no hesitation in making him skipper."

"He enjoys it, and the players have responded wonderfully."

Eddie Firmani, £35,000 Sampdoria star, may return to Charlton next season for one match only.

Charlton are now discussing a match with Sampdoria in Genoa next May, with a return game at the Valley.

Manager Harry Evans isn't keen on parting at the moment, but West Bromwich will be back.

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2. A Nautical Overture "FLEMING HOB" John ANSELL
3. Three Movements from "THE SWAN LAKE" Ballet TCHAIKOWSKY
4. (a) Hungarian Dance, (b) Dance of the Swans (c) Valse (d) Three Chinese Songs by Miss Barbara Fei (Soprano)
5. Introduction to ACT III of "LOHENGGRIN" WAGNER

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NOTICE

H.K. CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
 Postponement of Scientific Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Professor Eastman's lecture on "Post maturity" is postponed to 3rd of May 1956 instead of 29th March, 1956.

C. H. KUAN, (Sd.)

Hon. Secretary,
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 5th April to 26th April, 1956, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
 ERNEST SAHMET,
 Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th Mar., 1956.

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"That it is desirable to capitalise a sum of \$2,000,000 being the Reserve for Building Development and that accordingly a special capital bonus of \$2,000,000, free of income tax, be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on Thursday, the 26th day of April, 1956, are holders of the 1,000,000 fully paid-up issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 1,000,000 new shares of the Company of \$2 each, and that such 1,000,000 new shares be credited as fully paid by accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one such new share for every issued share then held by such persons respectively, and that the shares so allotted shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the nominal amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income and further that such new shares shall as from the 1st day of January, 1956, rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the already issued shares."

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CZECH WOMEN FACE TRADITIONAL 'WHIPPING'

Prague, Mar. 27.
 Czechoslovak women are light-heartedly bracing themselves for their traditional annual Easter "ordeals" by whipping and water.

According to an old custom men have the right to whip every woman they meet before midday on Easter Monday. In the eastern parts of Slovakia, they dash buckets of water over their womenfolk instead.

The origin of the two customs is obscure, but some experts say that the whipping was originally intended to make the women "more swift and agile."

The traditional whip, called a dynovachka, is made of eight to twelve willow twigs bound together and decorated with brightly-coloured ribbons, but the whips on sale in shops and kiosks all over Prague these days are harmless "weapons" with paper "thongs."

CONCEAL WHIPS

The men usually carefully conceal the whips the previous night and the women in turn try to hide themselves in the morning. The beating continues until the women "buy off" the men with a gift—usually a kiss or an Easter egg.

In some country districts girls hide in the gardens of their homes while parties of boys search for them. When they catch her two boys usually hold the girl's arms while a third "whips" her until she names her sweetheart.

Then she gives her chosen boy friend an Easter egg with its shell richly decorated by intricate, hand-painted patterns and designs. Sometimes she punts or curves a message to the boy as well.

Hand painting of Easter eggs is an age-old skill handed down from mother to daughter through generations of Slovak peasant families.

PICTURESQUE

They make their colours from plants and flowers, using saffron—the stigmas of the autumnal crocus—for yellowish-red colouring, parsley for green and onions for rusty-red. With special small knives they carve delicate shapes and figures on the eggs, which are slightly waxed, and paint them with tiny brushes.

At Easter, peasant women in picturesque national costumes, with frilly, white lace collars and cuffs, coloured headscarves and short skirts over layers of petticoats, come to the towns to sell the eggs, strung from bright ribbons.

In the villages children go round the houses singing a carol and asking for eggs. Afterwards they play games with them, rolling them downhill. The owner of the egg which rolls the farthest without breaking is the winner and collects all other eggs in the "race."

LEFT BY FOX

Other Czechoslovak Easter customs are a blend of religious rites and ancient traditions to welcome the coming of Spring. On the night of the fourth Sunday in Lent farmers wives from some Slovak and Moravian villages baked pretzels—crisp, knot-shaped biscuits flavoured with salt—and hung them in trees next morning.

Children were sent out to look for them after being told that a fox had left them there during the night.

Old superstitions said that the pretzels were protection against toothache. A more modern version is to hide chocolate eggs, sweets, toys, socks and handkerchiefs in hencoops and baskets in the garden saying that a hare has left them for the children. In cities some families hide the gifts in their homes.

Another traditional ceremony is for village girls to carry an effigy of an old farm woman representing winter out of the village at the head of a procession of singing and shouting youths, girls, and grown-ups and then drop it in a river or a pond.

DIED OUT

Then from the rear of the procession they take the top of a fir or birch tree, decorated with ribbons and painted eggs, and representing summer. This they carry back to the village at the head of the procession, singing a national song: "Summer, summer, where have you been so long?"

Many old customs have died out in the villages of Czechoslovakia but some are still kept. One of these is for farmers to give pieces of bread to their cattle on the morning of Maundy Thursday so that they will be healthy.

Some farmers also kill a pair of young pigeons and sprinkle their blood on grain scattered

for other pigeons to eat. This is supposed to ensure that the pigeons will stay on the farm throughout the year.

TIE UP TREES

It is a Good Friday custom for village girls to wash their faces in a river before sunrise, making sure to face the stream when they do so. If there is no river they must wash in three wells.

Inside the houses nothing should be washed and no dough made. Suits and clothing are aired in the farm courtyard. At midnight farmers, clad only in nightshirts, go into their gardens tying straw bands round their trees so that they will be fruitful.—China Mail Special.

Smoother Train Ride

Bonn, Mar. 27.
 West German railways have put into operation a special train which "polishes" two miles of rails per hour. Its aim is to give travellers a smoother ride, and reduce the wear on rolling stock from worn and dented lines.

The train has three coaches, each with eight polishing wheels. Each wheel, driven by its own motor, rotates 1,720 times a minute, grinding about one-hundredth of an inch off the rails.—China Mail Special.

Demonstration Of Britain's Largest Colour TV Picture



EX-CAMBODIAN PREMIER ENCOUNTERED FRICTION

Bangkok, Mar. 27.
 PRINCE Norodom Sihanouk told the United Press in an exclusive interview in Phnom Penh today that he resigned as Cambodian Premier and the presidency of the Council of Ministers because he was not able to secure the co-operation necessary to implement his ambitious programme of reforms for the advancement of the country.

Vice Premier Khim, a strong supporter of the Prince and a capable administrator, was also said to be considering leaving his office.

"If I cannot accomplish the responsibilities of the position, I should turn it to someone else," the Prince said.

The Prince's resignation reportedly sprang from internal friction over the use of

United States dollars given to Cambodia to implement Sihanouk's programme.

Certain financial officers in Phnom Penh had opposed spending the money while the Premier argued that the funds were given to be circulated to effect constructive programmes. This view was confirmed informally by American Embassy officials.

Further friction among top ranking Cambodian officials possibly resulted from Sihanouk's enforcement of reduced privileges for government officials.

Many of them living in state-owned villas have leased their own homes for extravagant rentals to Americans hard pressed for housing. Such profiteering under Sihanouk's reforms were ended.—United Press.

Twenty-five-year-old Eileen Oatridge provided the largest colour TV picture—8 ft by 6 ft—ever to be seen in Great Britain, when she appeared on a newly developed colour TV projector, which has been described as TV's answer to the "flying head"—because of the intricacy and complexity. Apart from its potential use for teaching purposes the colour projector will probably be useful in cinema. The demonstration of the new equipment took place during a lecture by Mr. B. J. Edwards, Technical Director of Pye, to the Radar Association. The subject of his lecture was "Colour Television, past, present and future." Picture shows: Eileen Oatridge seen with the newly developed colour TV projector, and the large screen.—Express Photo.

Artists Must Find Own Way, Says Ehrenburg

Moscow, Mar. 27.
 Famed Soviet author Ilya Ehrenburg said in an article published today that an artist must be allowed to find his own way even if the masses have difficulty in understanding some of his work.

Ehrenburg, who recently returned from a trip to India, made the statement in a letter published in the review, Soviet Culture, in reply to the charge of one critic that he was "trying to restore formalism."

DID NOT DETRACT

Ehrenburg, a former winner of the Stalin Prize for literature, said the fact that certain films or popular music were more accessible to the masses of people did not detract from the fact that the symphonies of Shostakovich or Prokofiev, or the drama of Goethe, were great.

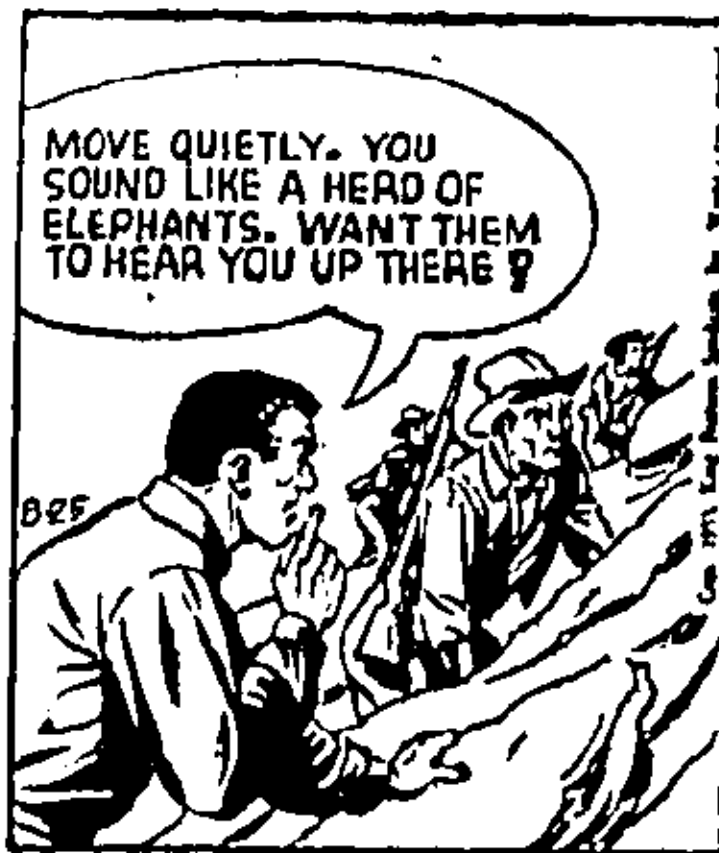
He said that the experimentation of Pablo Picasso, the painter, enriched art. The letter was printed beside an article written by A. Gerasimov, President of the Academy of Fine Arts, which declared on the contrary that "art has no value unless it is in the service of the masses and the Communist Party."—France-Press.

How To Handle Ma-In-Law

Copenhagen, Mar. 27.
 The Danish Young Men's Christian Association has organized a popular marriage course for engaged and newly married couples dealing with everything from courtship and household economies to how to handle mother-in-law.
 Mr. Soeren Nielsen, YMCA secretary, said that too many newly weds had little idea of the costs of setting up a home.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



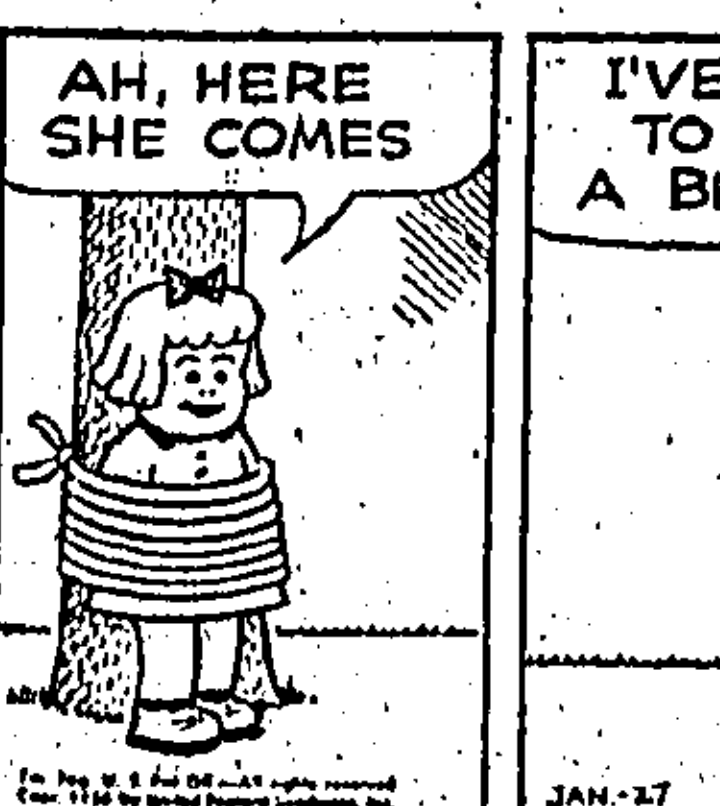
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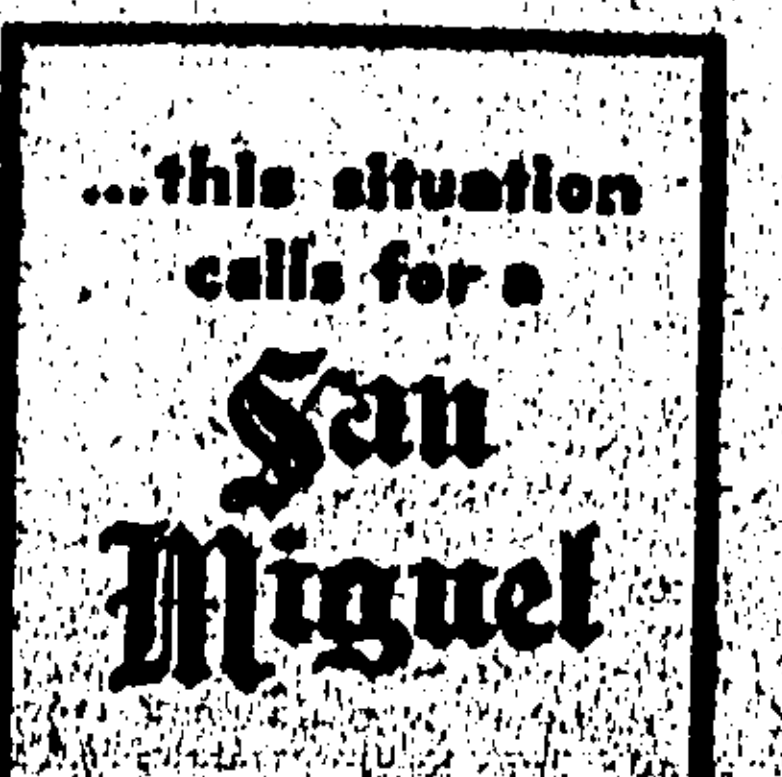
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By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Mar. 27. No. 1 RSS rubber futures closed today 30 to 50 points higher with sales of 510 contracts.

The standard contract closed 30 to 65 points higher with sales of two contracts. Involvement in exchange of May old for May new contracts at 20 points difference.

Most of the terminal business was reported to be of speculative origin with dealers interest operating on either side of the market in a small way. Part of the buying was attributed to the failure of the primary market to fully follow through the setback of Monday.

Factory buying continued on a "relatively" routine basis, dealers said. Spot No. 1 was quoted nominally 32 cents a pound.

Future closings were:

No. 1 RSS	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
March	30.75									
April	30.75	30.75-31.00								
May	30.75	30.75	30.75							
June	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75						
July	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75					
August	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75				
September	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75			
October	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75		
November	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	
December	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75

Standard Contract

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75

After opening lower the market recovered as some short covering but later selling from Federal Reserve, caused a retreat to 90 cents.

Future closings were:

No. 1 RSS	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
March	30.75									
April	30.75	30.75-31.00								
May	30.75	30.75	30.75							
June	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75						
July	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75					
August	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75				
September	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75			
October	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75		
November	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	
December	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75	30.75

London Foreign Exchange

London, Mar. 27. New York 2.00, 2.00-2.10. Montreal 2.00, 2.00-2.10. Amsterdam 1.00, 1.00-1.10. Brussels 1.00, 1.00-1.10. Frankfurt 1.00, 1.00-1.10. Paris 1.00, 1.00-1.10. Stockholm 1.00, 1.00-1.10. Zurich 1.00, 1.00-1.10.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per £1) 1.00. Sterling (per £1) 1.00. Australian notes (per £1) 1.00. Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 1.00. South Africa (per 100) 1.00. Singapore (Straits) 1.00.

United States Steel Corp. Record

New York, Mar. 27. The United States Steel Corporation reports that 1955 was a record-breaking year for shipments, sales, incomes, wages and dividends. Sales reached a record level of \$4,097,700,000, shipments rose to 25,500,000 tons in a new annual record and earnings reached \$370,100,000 or a nine per cent return on sales.

However, in its annual report issued here the Corporation warned that two basic "roots of the inflationary tendency" had appeared in the American economy.

Costs Increase

The first of these roots, the report said, was the effort of the big trade unions to outdo each other in securing wage and benefit increases, thus raising employment costs in their respective industries.

The other root was the Government's "full employment" policy under which money supply must be inflated fast enough to accommodate the inflation employment cost, lest that mounting cost bring about its natural result of pricing some people out of their jobs, even though only temporarily," the report said.

The Corporation's employment costs per employee hour had increased 210 per cent since 1940 and similar rises had been experienced in other costs.

Canadian Trade Boom

Chicago Grains Active And Firm

Chicago, Mar. 27. Grains were active and firm today, with wheat, corn and soybeans trading at new highs for the season. Most deliveries of soybeans also sold at new highs for the season, with profit-taking being attracted by the advance.

The buying of new crop wheat futures was influenced by the lack of moisture over most of the southwest wheat belt plus unfavourable foreign crop news.

Denmark purchased 180,000 bushels of U.S. soybeans for April/May delivery, and Italy requested offerings on 400,000 bushels of U.S. wheat for April/May.

CLOSING PRICES

Wheat No. 2, red	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
March	32.75									
April	32.75	32.75-33.00								
May	32.75	32.75	32.75							
June	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75						
July	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75					
August	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75				
September	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75			
October	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75		
November	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	
December	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75

Wheat No. 2, yellow

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
March	32.75									
April	32.75	32.75-33.00								
May	32.75	32.75	32.75							
June	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75						
July	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75					
August	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75				
September	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75			
October	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75		
November	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	
December	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75

Barley

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
March	32.75									
April	32.75	32.75-33.00								
May	32.75	32.75	32.75							
June	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75						
July	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75					
August	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75				
September	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75			
October	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75		
November	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	
December	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75

WINNIPEG PRICES

Winnipeg, Mar. 27. Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
March	32.75									
April	32.75	32.75-33.00								
May	32.75	32.75	32.75							
June	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75						
July	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75					
August	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75				
September	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75			
October	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75		
November	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	
December	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75	32.75

Hold Up Well

Newsprint was at the head of the list, with 600,000,000 dollars (\$222,000,000 sterling) followed by planks and boards, 385,000,000 dollars (\$128,000,000 sterling), which are now ahead of wheat, 358,000,000 dollars (\$112,700,000 sterling) while another forest product, wood pulp, 297,000,000 dollars (\$99,000,000 sterling), giving the forests credit for three out of Canada's first four export earners.

Of these, both newsprint and wood pulp should hold up well because of world demand but boards and planks may face difficulties from reduced demand flowing from Britain's austerity programme at home.

On the other hand, wheat sales were low again last year and the general anticipation in Canada is for improved world demand, although not enough to eliminate this country's huge carryover.

Other commodities among Canada's top ten exports face good market prospects, such as nickel, aluminium, copper and iron.

On the import side, all the top categories face strong demand here—non-farm machinery, automobile parts, petroleum, electrical apparatus, farm implements and aircraft and their parts.

Domestic Boom

Trends in the direction of trade, apart from the United States, were interesting. The United Kingdom's share in Canadian exports rose to 18 per cent, at 759,000,000 dollars (\$250,000,000 sterling) while its proportion of Canada's imports fell to 9 per cent, or 372,000,000 dollars (\$124,000,000 sterling). There was a 40 per cent rise in Canada's unbalanced trade with the United Kingdom.

Special conditions in Britain during 1955 accounted for this—the domestic boom which heightened demand for Canadian products and gave little incentive for exports to Canada.

Continues FUTURE PROSPECTS DEPEND ON NO U.S. RECESSION

Ottawa, Mar. 27. Concern among high Government authorities as to whether Canada can continue to hold the line against inflation throughout 1956 is underlined by the preliminary trade figures for 1955.

It is evident that the country was able to avoid inflation last year chiefly through an enormous increase in imports from the United States. The already heavy excess of American imports into Canada over Canadian exports to the United States increased by 42 per cent during the year.

In fact, imports from the United States represented no less than 73 per cent of Canada's foreign purchases. This was made possible by a large inflow of American capital into Canada, particularly for investment in the mining and petroleum exploration fields.

Vulnerability

On the export side, there was a large increase in the absolute total of Canadian sales to United States, which continued to take no less than 60 per cent of all Canadian exports.

The vulnerability of Canada to recession in American business is therefore evident, since it would not only cut down Canadian export sales but would reduce the likelihood of American capital flowing into Canada in steady volume.

With these caveats for the future, 1955 can be written down as the record peacetime year in Canada's foreign trade, with at least short term prospects for 1956 remaining good.

Prospects

On the import side, Venezuela, due to her oil production ranked third with sales of 175,000,000 dollars (\$56,300,000 sterling). This compared with Venezuelan purchases of 31,000,000 dollars (\$10,300,000 sterling) from Canada, a figure which may be increased but is wholly unlikely to narrow the gap much.

Surveying prospects for the rest of the year, Mr. Marcel Landy of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, reaches a cautious conclusion:

"There were indications that in the months just ahead economic activity in this country and among Canada's main trading partners, especially the United States, would continue at a vigorous pace."

Coincides

"Barring a downward trend it seems likely that Canada's foreign trade will carry over at high levels into at least the early part of 1956."

This coincides with a rather widespread feeling that Canada's domestic boom may continue throughout most of the year, but that it faces a slowing up in pace.—China Mail Special.

London Markets Very Subdued

London, Mar. 27. Stock markets were very subdued today, waiting for the official economic survey which appeared a good half-hour before the market closed.

It was grim reading, with the picture of the current inflation of prices, of costs and still rising, of imports still much too high and exports not yet high enough.

First effect was a temporary exodus from Government stocks, with most of them showing declines of one-eighth or one-tenth.

Industrial shares were haphazard in their movements with Unilever down 3d and Yelco up 1s 3d. Tobacco were weak though a spot of strong buying just before the close lifted them

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$350,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

Bank	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of China	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Communications	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of East Asia	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of India	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Japan	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Korea	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of London	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Mexico	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of New York	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Paris	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Portugal	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Russia	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Spain	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Sweden	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of Switzerland	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the Netherlands	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the United States	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the West	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the East	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the South	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the North	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the Middle	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the West	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the East	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the South	1000	1075	20 of 1075
Bank of the North	10		

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Temporary Hero

THE young men met in South-East London, where both lived, Michael was 19, Richard 17, and the younger boy quickly fell under the spell of the older. For Michael had stories to tell that were as packed with unlikely adventures as the make-believe tales that children tell each other.

But Michael's stories were true. He may have embroidered some parts of them, but in court records and police files was support for much of what he said.

AN EARLY START

At 14 years old, the records would confirm, Michael had been put on probation for shoplifting and theft. In the same year, he did three months in a detention centre.

When he was 15, Michael was sent to an approved school for office-breaking, shop-breaking, larceny. He asked the magistrates to take 30 cases into consideration.

The approved school, with its house system and its atmosphere of helpfulness and trust, did not much affect Michael. He had hardly left before another court was sending him to Borstal for being on enclosed premises, and taking and driving away without licence, insurance, or leave, someone else's car.

UP WEST

On their second meeting, Michael had a suggestion to make: "Let's go up West," he said to Richard. "I'll show you a thing or two."

The pair came to the West End, where Michael demonstrated how to go about stealing from parked cars. The demonstration ended in the arrest of both boys for being suspected persons loitering with intent to steal.

At Bow Street, Sir Laurence Dunne, the chief magistrate, found both of them guilty.

Michael's record was read out, and he was sent to a higher court with a view to his being returned to Borstal.

A GOOD FELLOW?

RICHARD was left alone in the dock, a tall, dark boy, with a crew-cut. His young-looking father went into the witness-box.

"Well, I'm sorry to see your boy standing there," said Sir Laurence to him. "What's he like at home, is he a good fellow?"

"Very good, always very good," Richard's father said, and, indeed, the police had told him Richard stuck to his job, and paid into his home £2 out of the £4 10s he earned each week.

"How long's he known this other man?"

"I'd never heard of the other one," Richard's father said. "But I questioned my boy when he came back last night. He says he's known Michael a month, but that they've only met twice."

BE SENSIBLE

"TWICE too often," Sir Laurence observed. "Look here," he said, "you're the fellow who can do most to keep your son out of trouble."

"If he's any trouble, I'll bring him back here myself," Richard's father said, with a meaning look at his son. Sir Laurence also turned to Richard. "I'm going to put you on probation," he said.

"Be a sensible fellow, will you? Don't go around with people like that other young man. It can only lead you to great unhappiness, and to the place I'm quite certain he will be going back to—Borstal."

"Yes, sir," Richard said, and with a new humility, he went away, stepping out in freedom, past the cell where his temporary hero sat awaiting the prison van.

Action For Recovery Of Factory

After an adjournment of 12 days, hearing continued of an action for recovery of factory premises in Un Chau Street, Shamshui, before Mr Justice James Wicks in the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiff seeking recovery is Mr. Ip-hung, merchant of 111 Parkes Street, who is represented by Mr. Terence Shurlock, instructed by Mr. R. Dyer of Deacons.

Mr. Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart, is representing the defendant, Lai Chuen, trading as the King Hing Factory, of 322 Un Chau Street.

Plaintiff claimed he let an area of 2,080 square feet in Un Chau Street to defendant under a lease dated August 11, 1949, for five years, at a monthly rental of \$520. Under a clause, the defendant agreed to surrender the premises, together with all erections on it when the lease expired, without compensation from the plaintiff.

Plaintiff alleged further that the lease expired on September 30, 1954, but that defendant was still in possession of the premises. Plaintiff asked for possession of the area and the buildings on it, mesne profits at \$520 a month from October 1, 1954, until date of possession, and costs.

The defence was that under another clause of the lease the lease for another five years, with terms to be agreed by both parties. Defendant maintained he had given notice that he intended to exercise that option of renewal.

Plaintiff, it was further claimed, never discussed any terms for the lease for another five years, on the representation that he had a right to renew the lease, defendant spent \$25,000 in erecting a new building.

CROSS-EXAMINED

The defendant who gave evidence at the previous hearing on March 16, was cross-examined by Mr. Shurlock.

He said that he was the first leasee for five years and that he then took it to be renewed for another five years. He could not remember what was interpreted to him from the lease, but Mr. Chau certainly did not interpret the lease as clearly to him then as the Court interpreter did at the present hearing.

The defendant said he knew the lease was to be for five years, but he also understood that there would be a renewal for another five years. The defendant agreed that it would have been greater protection for him if the lease had been one for ten years. But the plaintiff "kicked out" at the end of the first five years, but there would be another five years which amounted to the same thing, he said.

Hearing is continuing.

Two Inquests Held This Morning

Verdicts of death from natural causes were returned by juries at inquests into the death of two prisoners before Mr. W. F. Pickering, sitting as Coroner, at Central this morning.

At the first inquest, it was stated the deceased, Ip Chiu-man, 35, had been convicted on March 16 on a charge of dealing in heroin and had been sentenced to three months. He was admitted to Victoria Remand Prison on the same day and was later admitted to the Prison hospital where he died that evening.

Dr. T. M. Teoh, Police surgeon, who performed a post mortem on Ip, said he found the cause of death to be shock and hemorrhage due to perforation of the stomach ulcer.

At the second inquest, the Coroner was told the prisoner, Wong Keung, 50, was sentenced to a fine of \$100 or one month for possession of a heroin pipe on March 9. He was admitted to St. Peter's Hospital on March 16 where he died the same evening.

Dr. James Ling Poo, medical officer, Stanley Prison, said the cause of death was due to heroin poisoning.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"How do you know I'm overweight, Doctor? Maybe I'm just too short!"

Children's High Standard Of Work

Mr. K. A. Bidmead, acting Commissioner of Police, this morning presented prizes to the winners of the Joyce poster competition conducted in connection with the traffic exhibition at the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Bidmead said:

The standard of the work submitted was very high and showed a very real appreciation of the requirements of a good safety poster. It also showed artistic talent of a high order.

I am sure you boys and girls who took part in this competition thought about the dangers that we must guard against whenever we get on the roads and streets of the city. You are about to receive a prize for the handsome ones, do you know what is your real reward?

I will tell you—it is the thought that by your efforts you will be assisting in saving the lives of your friends—that is your reward.

Hongkong roads were not built for the present volume of traffic and because of this, our problems are many. The solution to these problems is to have many more roads, many of which are not used to full capacity and this further increases the danger of accidents.

It is therefore essential that we all combine to combat these dangers and in this present Traffic Exhibition we are encouraging you to think of old and new Road Safety conscious.

DAILY REMINDERS

Now, traffic exhibitions are all very well in their way but they are unfortunately soon forgotten. What really counts is the everyday reminders that, with the help of the Jockey Club, we have been receiving daily in your papers. Read these carefully and think about them.

Think of the tragic and often quite unnecessary loss of life which we have each morning and each year and make sure that you and your friends are not foolhardy and do not take chances. Help us to teach the young and old alike.

In Hongkong the Jockey Club are very lively body. During the past months they have spent much time and money in running a Safety Week campaign for the benefit of you all. They do not expect any reward but are sure they will be pleased to know that since the start of their campaign there has been a gratifying drop in the number of accidents.

To Mr. Colin Ure and to Mr. Van Brunnen, to Mr. Francis Chen and the Board of Directors, and to other members of the Civic Affairs Committee, the Police and indeed the whole community are deeply indebted.

Funeral Of Air Crash Victims

The two Royal Navy pilots who were killed when their Seahawk jet plane crashed during the fly-past over the harbour on Monday were buried with full military honours at the Colonial Cemetery this morning.

The pilots, Lieut. R. A. L. Lawson, RN, and Lieut. B. W. Hallstone, RN, were from No. 81 Squadron, HMS Centaur, which is taking part in "Operation Monsoon."

Before the burial a funeral service was held at Trinity Church, HMS Tamar. The Rev. J. Newman, Naval chaplain, officiated at the Church and cemetery services.

Lieut. Lawson is survived by Mrs. Mary Lawson, of Johannesburg, South Africa. Lieut. Hallstone is survived by Mrs. Dorcas Hallstone, of Chester, Cheshire.

Telephone Co. Capital Increased

At the ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Company Limited this morning, a resolution that the authorised capital of the Company be increased from the present capital of \$19,000,000, divided into 1,900,000 shares of \$10 each, of which all have been issued, to \$30,000,000 by the creation of 1,100,000 additional shares of \$10 each, was approved.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. H. R. M. Cleland, Chairman of the Board of Directors. A statement by the Chairman relating to the report and accounts presented at the meeting stated that the net profit amounted to \$4,285,879.

A dividend of \$1.50 and a bonus of 25 cents per share was declared.

NOTEWORTHY YEAR

Secondly, the report, Mr. D. B. Sinclair said:

Once again, the accounts and your statement of our Company's present position and future prospects must be a source of great satisfaction to shareholders. It is particularly pleasing to note that, although the expansion of our system has naturally increased our working expenses, we actually show a reduction when expressed as a percentage of operating revenue.

The development of our system during the past year has been noteworthy and this year will see a further expansion, yet the demand for our service continues. You will, I am sure, receive shareholders' full support in the plans you are making to meet this situation and I am, therefore, confident that the resolution to increase the capital will be carried unanimously.

On behalf of the shareholders, I should like to associate myself with the chairman in his remarks about the hard work put in by your managing director and his staff. They deserve our congratulations.

Mr. H. R. M. Cleland and the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, were re-appointed auditors for the company. Among those present were: the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. T. N. Chau, Mr. G. W. Stewart, Mr. H. D. M. Barton, the Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr. D. Benson (Managing Director), Mr. S. Grove (Secretary) and a number of shareholders.

ATTEMPT TO EXPORT GOLD

Chu Hing-foon, a 28-year-old seaman, was found guilty by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning of attempting to export 1,803 taels of gold, and was fined \$3,000.

An application for the condemnation of the gold was adjourned to May 15, at 2.54 p.m. The defendant was represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan of Messrs. Lau, Chan and Co.

The Prosecution said the defendant had attempted to export 1,803 taels of gold on board the "Hing-shing" at 4 p.m. on December 29, last year.

Despite Water Restrictions

Union Waterboat Co Have A Good Year

Despite severe water restrictions that restricted sales to ships, profits for the year were stated to be satisfactory by Mr. G. M. Goldsack, at the annual general meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited held this morning.

The Chairman's report and the statement of accounts, seconded by Mr. U Sz-wing, were passed unanimously.

Addressing shareholders, the Chairman said:

Before making the proposal, Mr. Goldsack explained that the Committee, in consultation with the Auditors, have decided it is in the interests of the shareholders to capitalise a part of the Company's capital reserves, in order to bring the issued capital to a more realistic figure in conformity with the resources of the Company.

The resolution read: "That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$500,000 being a part of the sum standing to the credit of the Company's capital reserves and, accordingly, that a special capital bonus of \$500,000, free of corporation profits tax (if any) be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 14th day of March, 1956 are holders of the 142,800 shares of the Company of \$7.00 each and that such 142,800 shares be allotted, to such persons respectively in the proportion of 1 such share for every complete 2 of the said 142,800 shares then held by such persons respectively to rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July, 1956, and in all other respects, pari passu with the already issued shares and they shall be treated for all purposes as an increase of the issued amount of the capital of the Company held by each shareholder and not as income. After such allotment as aforesaid any shares representing fractions shall be disposed of by the General Managers for the interest of the Company."

The appropriation of \$70,000 to the waterboat replacement and depreciation reserve is made on the recommendation of our Auditors and it is your Committee's intention to set aside a like sum yearly from now on to ensure, as far as possible, that the Company will be in a position to finance replacement of the units of our fleet as and when it becomes necessary without having to call upon shareholders for additional capital.

Last year an appropriation of \$40,000 was made to the reserve for special repairs and this sum was entirely spent on the re-decking of No. 2 Waterboat. This year it is necessary to set aside \$32,000 for the purpose of re-decking the motor launch Diana and for a new pump engine and impeller for our No. 5 Waterboat.

Our Superintendent reports that the Diana has been re-decked and is now in excellent condition. This is entirely due to the Company's policy during the last few years of spending fairly large sums on special repairs such as re-decking, re-plating and on running repairs and renewals.

As a consequence of this policy it is anticipated we shall not have to spend nearly as much over the next two or three years and I feel our Superintendent is to be congratulated on the zeal he has shown since joining the Company, which is clearly borne out by the high efficiency and excellent condition of our fleet today.

RE-DECKING BOAT

Turning to the Balance Sheet it will be noted that our investments have increased in market value to the extent of \$4,880 which sum has been transferred to the investment fluctuation account.

Under provisions, the sum of \$24,392.42 has been transferred from the provision for investment fluctuation to the insurance fund in order to bring the Company's provision under the Insurance Act up to the full extent of our liability of \$206,000. This will eliminate the necessity of making further annual appropriations to the fund.

During the year Mr. J. H. Hamer resigned his position as Chairman of the Company to take up an assignment in London and I am sure it would be your wish to record our appreciation of his services whilst Chairman of the Union Waterboat Company Limited, and to wish him success in his future life.

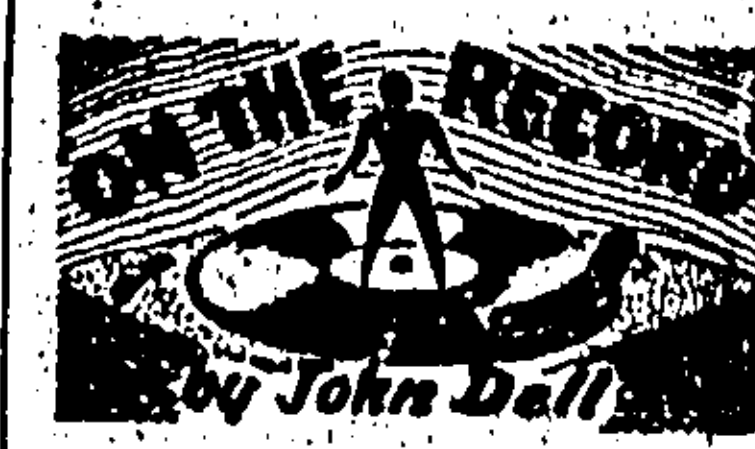
Mr. Y. A. Yvanovich also resigned during the year and has joined his family in the United States of America.

Mr. T. C. Chu has been appointed Acting Secretary on the recommendation of our Superintendent.

Our thanks are due to all members of the staff who have worked so splendidly throughout the year.

NEW CAPITAL

Following the ordinary general meeting was held, at which the Chairman's proposal to capitalise reserves, seconded by Mr.



A voice has whispered in my ear that such people as Patti Page and Frank Sinatra are to link with the thought of records here. How much chance there is of this happening I do not know but I do know that they will need to be guaranteed a pretty substantial sum of money before they agree to do a show in Hongkong.

It is a good thing that the recently formed Music Society of Hongkong is getting quite a few classical artists to appear here and I wonder whether the same sort of arrangement would be made for the local recording star could be secured of a welcome and certainly a sell out for two or three nights. It is notorious though that this Colony is a very unpredictable spot as far as entertainment is concerned and the risk is considerable.

NEW PROGRAMME

In the planning stage at Radio Hongkong is a new programme based on the BBC form used in "Desert Island Discs". No details yet, but it is understood that the work of a local resident will be invited to the microphone and asked to name and play the selection of music he or she would elect to take with them if ever they should be cast away on a desert island.

The number of records would be limited to 10 and when you come to think of it might be a little difficult to select from the music you like, eight or ten which you prefer above the others. Of course for the classic fans the programme will only permit the playing of just a little of their favourite concerto or symphony and as far as the pop fans go I imagine they would plump for the evergreens. Imagine being marooned with a bunch of records of the "Rock Around the Clock" variety.

Incidentally, and whilst on the subject of Radio Hongkong programmes, there will be a new starting point, "Beginners' Please" series of seven, culminating in a final at the China Film Club uncovered quite a few talented amateur entertainers and as there have been quite a few newcomers since then it is hoped to find some more.

RECORD REVIEW

"Music to Change Her Mind". Believe it or not that is the title of the latest Capitol release of the Jackie Gleason orchestra. The 12-inch record sounds very much like the other Gleason releases, except the tunes are different. Of course, and should please the many people who like the sweet strings treatment. The numbers include such standards as "Coquette", "Gully", and "Talk of the Town" and, appropriately enough, "You've Changed". Frankly I am surprised that it is considered necessary to bring out a record of music to "Change Her Mind". The lovely lady on the record cover looks so typically feminine that I feel sure she could do the usual unpredictable changing without musical inspiration. A good disc of its kind, Capitol W 632.

Today's Top Hits — Vol. 14. Here is the mixture as before from Capitol. They have gathered together on this 12-inch record ten of the most popular tunes of the moment and offer them all in one package. It is in effect a hit parade in itself. "Memories are Made of This", "16 Tons", "Band of Gold", "Love and Marriage" and others are sung by such stars as Dean Martin, "Tennessee" Ernie Ford, Frank Sinatra and Les Paul and Mary Ford. The record for you if you have worn out 78rpm version of the current hits and of course it is "Hi-Fi" Capitol T 9130.

REDIFFUSION

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Iron Lung Birth

Bluenose, 27. A 20-year-old woman, who has been in an iron lung for eight days, gave birth to a normal baby boy today. —United Press.

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